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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

MSPH, Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Public Health, 2004

Master's Paper: Postabortion care in Tucumán, Argentina: How to implement it?

National University of Tucumán, Argentina

PhD, School of Medicine, 2003

Thesis: Atrial Natriuretic Peptide, Renin and Prorenin in Hypertension in Pregnancy

Our Lady of Mercy Maternity Hospital, Provincial System of Health, Tucumán, Argentina

Residency in Obstetrics–Gynecology, 1991–1993

National University of Tucumán, Argentina

MD, School of Medicine, 1990

NIH/Fogarty International Center

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Latin American Perinatal Health Training Program, 2002

Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL COLABORATION EXPERIENCE

WHO (World Health Organization)

Expert Group Committee Member, Elaboration of Misoprostol Use Guideline for Obstetric and Gynecological Indications. Reproductive Health, meetings in Geneva and Bellagio 2006-2007

PMNCH (Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health)

Member, 2007- 2008

ICEC (International Consortium of Emergency Contraception)

Member, 2005-2006

CLAE (Latin-American Consortium of Emergency Contraception)

Member, 2005-2006

CLACAI (Latin-American consortium against unsafe abortion)

Member, 2005-2008

FLASOG (Latin-American Federation of Obstetrician and Gynecologist)

Member, Reproductive Health Committee 2005-2007

CLAP- PAHO & Ipas (Latin-American Perinatal Center & Reproductive and Women Health - Pan-American Health Organization) collaboration program.

Member, 2007

FIGO, (International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics) Unsafe abortion working group initiative.

Member 2007-2009

CURRENT/ RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

School of Public Health, UNC at Chapel Hill

• **Adjunct Professor**

Maternal and Child Health Department 2007-2009

Ipas, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

• **Senior Health Systems Advisor**, 2005–present

• **Consultant and Intern**, 2004

IMBCI –International Mother Baby Childbirth Organization

• **Executive Director** 2008 to present

ADMINISTRATIVE/ CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

School of Medicine, National University of Tucumán, Argentina

• **Professor of Obstetrics**, 1993–2007

• **Certified Teacher**, 1993-1998

• **Perinatal Research Coordinator**, Maternal and Child Research Center, 2003–2004

• **Clinical Instructor**, Obstetrics–Gynecology Residency Program and Family Medicine Residency Program, 1999–2004

Avellaneda Hospital, San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina

• **Delivery Room Coordinator**, Perinatology Service, 2002–2004

• **Coordinator**, Clinical Perinatal Research Team, Perinatology Service, 1999–2004

Provincial Council of Health (SI.PRO.SA), Tucumán, Argentina

• **Member**, Maternal Mortality Committee, 2001–2004

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Multisite International Clinical Trial: Labor Position Trial

Local Research Coordinator, 2002

Maternal Child Nursing Research Unit, Toronto, Canada; Robyn Stremmler, Principal Investigator

Study: Prorenin and Hypertension in Pregnancy

Co-Investigator, 1998–2000

Biannual Project Grant from CIUNT (Science and Technology Council of the National University at Tucumán);

Eduardo De Vito, PhD, Principal Investigator

Study: The ANP and Their Relationship with Hypertension in Pregnancy

Co-Investigator, 1996–1999

Triannual Project; Grant from CONICET (Science and Technology Argentina National Council);

Eduardo De Vito. PhD Principal Investigator.

Multisite Study: Ethics and Technological Progress in Perinatology in Argentina

Co-Investigator, 1996

Grant from ASAPER (Argentinean Association of Perinatology); Roberto Keklikian, Principal Investigator.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Women's access to safe abortion as a global maternal health priority: Overcoming the Global Gag Rule and other barriers . Oral presentation in APHA Washington, Promoting Maternal and Child Health: Abortion Access, Organized by: Maternal and Child Health, Endorsed by: APHA-Committee on Women's Rights; Socialist Caucus; Women's Caucus. November 05, 2007.

Can We Ensure the Health and Humanity of Pregnant Women When We Value Their Health and Lives so Little? A National and International Perspective. Impact of Unsafe Abortion in Maternal Mortality at Latin America Countries. Presented at National Advocate for Pregnant Women Summit, Atlanta, Georgia; 2007.

Incorporating Human Rights in to Curricula and Programs in Medical and Nursing Schools in Latin America: a Strategy to improve Health Services Access and Quality for Women. Presented at American Public Health Association Meeting, Boston; 2006.

Evaluation of the Quality of Postabortion Care in Tucumán, Argentina, from a Women's Rights Perspective. Assisting Health Systems to Respect Human Rights. Presented at XVIII FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 2006.

Compac-info: Optimizing Postabortion Data Collection and Analysis Using a Comprehensive Approach in Nicaraguan Public Hospital, XVIII FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 2006.

A Comprehensive Approach to Decreasing Postabortion Maternal Mortality and Morbidity through Optimized Use of Two Routine Clinical Record Systems in a Nicaraguan Public Hospital, 2006 World Congress of Public Health, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2006.

Evaluation of the Quality of Postabortion-care Services in Tucumán, Argentina: Women's Rights and Violations, 2006 World Congress of Public Health, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2006.

Can't Analyze What is Missing if it is Missing: Evaluating Gaps in Information Needed for Improving Quality of Postabortion Services in Northwest Argentina. 2006 World Congress of Public Health, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2006.

Cost-effectiveness of Provider-Training Approaches: A Comparison of Intensive Training vs. Orientation for Postabortion Care (PAC) in Bolivia. Presented at the 2004 meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC, November 2004.

Feast or Famine: Utilization of Clinical Skills After In-service Training Courses for PAC in Bolivia and Nigeria, Presented at the 2004 meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC, November 2004.

Facilitators and Barriers in Family Planning in a Low-risk Postpartum Women, Presented at the II Meeting of CesmiT, School of Medicine, National University of Tucumán, July 2003.

Prevalence of Depressive Disorders in the Immediate Postpartum Period, Presented at the II

Meeting of CesmiT, School of Medicine, National University of Tucumán, July 2003.

Perinatal Results and Delivery Election Way in Low-birth Weight at Term, Presented at the II Meeting of CesmiT, School of Medicine, National University of Tucumán, July 2003.

Sexuality and Contraception Access in Women of Different Ages in Lamadrid, Tucumán, in 2003, Presented at the II Meeting of CesmiT, School of Medicine, National University of Tucumán, July 2003.

Delivering in Squatting: Evaluation of the Position According to the Women's Perception, Presented at the II Meeting of CesmiT, School of Medicine, National University of Tucumán, July 2003.

Risk Indicators for Smoking During Pregnancy, Presented at the II Meeting of CesmiT, School of Medicine, National University of Tucumán, July 2003.

Vertical Delivery: One Ancestral Option for the Institutional Labor and Delivery, Presented at the 2003 meeting of the Obstetrics and Gynecologist Society, Buenos Aires, May 2003.

Perinatal Results and Birth Way in Low-weight-for-gestational-age Term Newborns, Presented at the 2003 meeting of the Obstetrics and Gynecologist Society, Buenos Aires, May 2003.

Influence of Diastolic Blood Pressure in Pregnant Women with Eclampsia, Presented at the IX Argentinean Congress of Hypertension, Córdoba, April 2002.

Eclampsia and Perinatal Results: When to Interrupt the Gestation after Convulsions? Presented at the IX Argentinean Congress of Hypertension, Córdoba, April 2002.

Factors Influencing the Decision to Breastfeed, Presented at the II National Forum of Health Promotion and Risk Prevention, Tucumán, October 2001.

Reproductive Health Indicators in Postpartum, Low-risk population, Presented at the II National Forum of Health Promotion and Risk Prevention, Tucumán, October 2001.

Weight and BMI Standards in Low Risk Pregnancies, Presented at the II National Forum of Health promotion and Risk Prevention, Tucumán, October 2001.

Prorenin/PNA in Hypertension During Pregnancy: Relation Between the Two Antagonist Systems, Presented at the VII Argentinean Congress of Perinatology and VI Latin-American Congress of Perinatology, Buenos Aires, April 2001.

Prematurity and Oral Health Risk Conditions, Presented at the VII Argentinean Congress of Perinatology and VI Latin-American Congress of Perinatology, Buenos Aires, August 2001.
Maternal mortality in teens: one public health policy indicator, Presented at the XIII World Congress of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology—VII ALOGIA Congress, Buenos Aires, April 2001.

Dippers and Nondippers Patients in Hypertension and Pregnancy, Presented at the VII Argentinean Congress of Arterial Hypertension, I Symposium Italo-Argentino and I Symposium of the Mercosur of Arterial Hypertension, San Carlos de Bariloche, May 2000.

Maternal Vascular Reactivity and Fetal Growth, Presented at the Young Investigator Session—1 of the 4th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine, Buenos Aires, April 1999.

Respectable Born with Minimal Intervention: Alert Curv, Presented at the 4th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine, Buenos Aires, April 1999.

Prenatal Care Impact, Perinatal Results of Low-risk Pregnancies, Presented at the 1st International Multidisciplinary Meeting of Gynecology and Obstetrics, XIV Meeting Marplatenses of Obstetrics and Gynecologic , Mar del Plata, December 1998.

Alerts-Curve Uses in a Low Risk Pregnancy, Presented at Gynecotología at the XII Uruguayan Congress, Montevideo, November 1997.

Ethics and Technological Progress in Perinatology in Argentina, Presented at the 3rd World Congress of Perinatal Medicine, San Francisco, October 1996.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Perinatal Medicine:

Gómez Ponce de León, R, E Ortega-Deza, S Amenazar, M Chianti, F Godoy et al., Evidence-Based Clinical Guides: Postpartum Hemorrhage Management, *Novedades del CLAP*, 2002;16:4-11.

Gómez Ponce de León, R, L Gómez Ponce de León, A Coviello , E De Vito, Vascular Maternal Reactivity and Neonatal Size in Normal Pregnancy, Hypertension in Pregnancy, 2001;20(3):243-56.

N Ciocolani, M Mazzamuto, E Hurtado, **R Gómez Ponce de León,** T Ardissono de Medina Maternal Mortality in Adolescents: Health Policy Indicator, *Sogotucientífica (Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics of Tucumán)*, 2001;11(1):26-29.

Gómez Ponce de León, R, E de Melian, A Coviello, E De Vito, Prorenin Concentration in the Hypertensive Disorders in Pregnancy, *Hypertension in Pregnancy*, 2001;20(2):157-67.

Gómez Ponce de León, R, C Mercado, P Roldán, A Roqué, P Maggia, E Chapman, M Melano, D Galimberti, Respectful Delivery with Mothers and Newborns, with Minimum Interventions: Use of Alert Curve, *Clinical Investigation in Gynecology and Obstetrics*, 2000;27(4).

C Lopez, B Perazzo, A Vignoni, M Segura, **R Gómez Ponce de León,** Prenatal Care Impact on Perinatal Results on Low Risk Pregnancies, *OGLA*, 1999;57(3):153-158.

Gómez Ponce de León, R, A Cinchón, H Cinchón, C Moyano , L Silverman, C Rodriguez, Quantification of the Risk of a Molar Pregnancy, *Clinical Investigation in Gynecology and Obstetrics*, 1997;24(4):151-58.

Gómez Ponce de León, R, P Vazquez, A Gómez Henson, H Tula, O Marcelo, E Brayda, Macrosómico, Un Gigante con Pie de Barro, *Clinical Investigation in Gynecology and Obstetrics*, 1997;24(6):231-240.

Garbero, I, **R Gómez Ponce de León,** A Delgado, Dentists in Prenatal Care Clinical Investigation in *Gynecology and Obstetrics*, 1997;24(9): 10-15.

Gómez Ponce de León, R, Giovaninni, S Benvenuto, S Amenabar, Diagnosis of hypertension in the pregnancy: a case-control study, *OGLA*, 1994;52(5):293-307.

Reproductive Health and Abortion:

P.C. Ho, P.D. Blumenthal, K. Gemzell-Danielsson, **R. Gomez Ponce de Leon**, S. Mittal and O.S. Tang. Misoprostol for the termination of pregnancy with a live fetus at 13 to 26 weeks International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics, Volume 99, Supplement 2, December 2007: 178-81

K. Gemzell-Danielsson, P.C. Ho, **R. Gomez Ponce de Leon**, A. Weeks and B. Winikoff. Misoprostol to treat missed abortion in the first trimester International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics, Volume 99, Supplement 2, December 2007:182-5

R. Gomez Ponce de Leon, D. Wing and C. Fiala. Misoprostol for intrauterine fetal death International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics, Volume 99, Supplement 2, December 2007:190-3

Velasco Boza A, **R. Gómez Ponce de Leon**, L.Salas, D.Yi, E.M.H. Mitchell. Comparative Efficacy of Misoprostol versus Ethacridine in Early Second Trimester Abortion in Cuba. Reproductive Health Matters. In press

Kaneshiro B, A Edelman and **R Gomez Ponce de Leon**. Medication abortion without ultrasound, a review of the best evidence. In Press

Velasco A, **Gomez Ponce de Leon R**. Therapeutic abortion. In Faundes A. *Obstetrical and gynaecological uses of misoprostol*. Latin-American Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Societies- FLASOG, 2007:59-76.

Briozzo Leonel, et al. Iniciativas Sanitarias contra el Aborto Provocado en Condiciones de Riesgo. Consejo Editorial: Farget M, Carino G, Rodríguez F, Rostagnol S, Rotondo M, Faundez A, **Gomez Ponce de Leon R**, Pons J, Rovira G, and Rodríguez Almada H. Montevideo, Uruguay. 2007

Galli, Beatriz, Drezett J, Adesse L. Dilemas e Soluções nos Serviços de Saúde: um estudo de casos recorrentes na atenção ao abortamento com foco nos direitos humanos das mulheres. Colaborators: Maldonado M, **Gomez Ponce de Leon**, de Bruyn M. Ipas Brazil 2006.

Ciaravino Hugo, Ana Martínez, Silvia Benvenuto, **Rodolfo Gómez Ponce de León**, Silvana Torres and Cecilia Robles. Aborto en adolescentes menores de 16 años. Revista del Hospital Materno Infantil RAMON SARDA 2006, 25 (4): 167- 171.

Gómez Ponce de León, R, Deborah L. Billings and Karina Barrionuevo, Woman-Centered Postabortion Care in Public Hospitals in Tucuman, Argentina: Assessing Quality of Care and its Link to Human Rights. Health and Human Rights 2006, 9(1):3-29.

Rayas Velazco Lucia, **Rodolfo Gomez Ponce de Leon** and Virginia Chambers. La Atención del Aborto Centrado en la Mujer: Suplemento especial Latinamerica y el Caribe. Chapel Hill, Carolina del Norte, Ipas 2006

Fetters Tamara, Akinsewa Akiode, **Gomez Ponce de Leon Rodolfo**, Benson Janie. Turning Training into Practice: Finding of an Impact Evaluation of Postabortion Training in Nigeria. Chapel Hill, NC. Ipas 2005

Gómez Ponce de León, R, A Postabortion Care Intervention to Address Maternal Mortality in Tucumán, Argentina, Master's Paper submitted to the faculty of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of MSPH in the Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, 2004

AWARDS/GRANTS

Fogarty, Tulane University, CLAP-PAHO Fellow, 2004

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Maternal Child Health, School of Public Health; Granted for Fogarty-NIH; selected for Latin-American Center of Perinatology (CLAP-OPS-OMS); Master in Science and Public Health Adviser: Gustavo Angeles

Fogarty Postdoctoral Fellow, 2002

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Department of Maternal Child Health, School of Public Health; Granted for Fogarty-NIH; selected for Latin-American Center of Perinatology (CLAP-OPS-OMS); Final inform: Dr. Pierre Bukens, Chief of Department of Maternal Child Health; Dr. Jose Belizan, Director, CLAP.

Clinical-Improvement Fellowship, 2001-2002

National Academy of Medicine of Buenos Aires, Argentina
Research project: Antiphospholipid Syndrome and Hypertensive States in Pregnancy

Clinical-Improvement Fellowship, CONICET, 1998-2000

Chosen by Presidency of the Nation/Secretary of Science and Technology/National Council of Scientific and Technical Investigations, Argentina

Clinical Fellowship, CONICET, 1996-1998

Chosen by Presidency of the Nation/Secretary of Science and Technology/National Council of Scientific and Technical Investigations, Argentina

PRIZES FOR SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

First Prize, Clinical Psychiatry — Granted by the Scientific Committee of the I Scientific Meeting Interschool of Medicine and II Scientific Meeting of Medical Students, Tucumán, for the investigation: Human sexuality: knowledge, interest, myths and sexual life of students of medicine at U.N.T.; Rewards Sperantia, granted as Special Distinction for the same investigation.

Special Mention, Obstetrics, October 1994 — VIII Meeting and IV Fenarego (National Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Residents) Congress, for the research: Diagnostic situation of hypertension in pregnancy: a case-control study.

Special Mention, Gynecology, October 1994 — VIII Meeting and IV Congress of Fenarego, for the research: Trophoblastic illness, endemic, evolution and treatment: analysis of the past 7 years; Special Mention, in the First National Congress of Oncologist Gynecology, 27 and 28 of October of 1994, Buenos Aires, for same investigation.

First Prize, Obstetrics, October 1994 — for the investigation: Sexuality and third trimester of pregnancy: allies or enemies? at the V Argentinean Congress of Residences of Gynecology and Obstetrics, IX Meeting of Argentinean Federation of Residences of Gynecology and Obstetrics (Fedarego) and VII Meeting of Association of Medical Residents of Buenos Aires (Amrogba).

Obstetric Mention, October 1994 — for the investigation: Forceps: continue being a triple obstetric tragedy? at the V Argentinean Congress of Residences of Gynecology and Obstetrics, IX Meeting of Argentinean Federation of Residences of Gynecology and Obstetrics (Fedarego) and VII Meeting of Association of Medical Residents of Buenos Aires (Amrogba).

First Prize, August 1995 — for the investigation: Papanicolaou testing in south Tucumán: Lacks of awareness in the population; awarded at the VII Scientific Meeting of Medical Students of Tucumán.

First Prize for Preventive Medicine, October 1995 — for the investigation: Papanicolau in the south of Tucumán: description of their reality; awarded at the IV Argentinean Scientific Congress of Medicine, Students and IV Scientific Meeting of Medicine Students of the National University of the Northeast, in Currents.

First Clinical Prize, 1995–1996 — Argentinean Perinatology for the work: Atrial natriuretic factor; awarded by ASAPER Argentinean Association of Perinatology.

First Prize, Obstetrics — Dr Sergio Ambrosini in X Argentinean Meeting for Residences of Gynecology and Obstetrics and XII Meeting Marplatenses of Gynecology and Obstetrics, for the investigation: sexual response in the 3rd trimester: relationship to labor and perinatal results.

First Clinical Area Mention — for the investigation: Molar disease, analysis of risk factors, at the 7th Argentinean Congress of Medical Students, Córdoba City.

Second Clinical Sciences Mention — awarded at the X Scientific Meeting of Medicine Students of Tucumán and II Congress of Students of Sciences of the Health of NOA (North West of Argentina) for the investigation: Evaluation of nutritional solutions to stress in healthy pregnancy.

First Prize — awarded at the 5th Argentinean Congress of Hypertension Arterial, 7th Meeting of the Committee of Hypertension of Argentinean Federation of Cardiology and 2nd Meeting of Societies of Hypertension of the South Cone, for: Ambulatory monitoring and blood pressure in hypertensive states in pregnancies.

First Prize, Toco-gynecology Area, 1999 — awarded by the Medical College of Tucumán, for the investigation: Factors that influence risk of abortion in postmolar pregnancies.
First Mention — for the investigation: Sensitive predictors of superimposed preeclampsia in chronic hypertension: plasmatic renin and pro-renin, presented at the VI Argentinean Congress of Hypertension in Pregnancy, San Miguel of Tucumán, Tucumán.

Second Mention — for the investigation: Value of fetal monitoring in hypertensive disorders in pregnancy, presented at the VI Argentinean Congress of Hypertension in Pregnancy, San Miguel of Tucumán, Argentina.

MD DEGREE-ADVISOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Aguilares, Pablo Christian Sabe: Sexuality in adolescents and relationship with sexual transmitted diseases in secondary students in Aguilares City

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Concepción, María Carolina Auad: Vascular reactividad in healthy pregnancy

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Termas de Río Hondo, Raúl Alberto Cristofoli: Hypertension in pregnancy

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Fernandez, Santiago del Estero, María Gabriela Picon: Pregnancy in adolescence

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Simoca, Miguel E. Sanna: Risk factors associated with premature childbirth

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Simoca, Ramiro Manuel Barrera:

Detection of gestational diabetes mellitus in Simoca

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Concepción, María José Basaury: Gestational diabetes

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Concepción, Fernando Troncoso: Sexual education in adolescents

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Famailla, Eduardo Rogel: Sexual education, contraception and first sexual relationship in secondary students in Famailla

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Monteros, Pablo Augusto Rubino: Relation among oral contraceptive use and colesterolemia, glucemia and blood pressure

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Termas de Río Hondo, Santiago del Estero, Horacio René Fuentes Costilla: Prevalence of uterine cervix lesions and associated factors

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Concepción–Santa Ana, Juan Francisco Cuevas: Prevalence of hypertension in pregnancy

Specialist Adviser, final investigation, rural internship, City of Concepción, Gustavo Vigo: Evaluation of Oligohidramnios— perinatal risk factor in patient with type ii diabetes.

Member of the Judge Panel Tribunal, appraiser of: Hypertensive gestasis, for Emiliano Lopez Morris, rural internship, conducted in City of Monteros

Member of the Judge Panel Tribunal appraiser of: Hypertension and pregnancy, for Gladys Silvina Caldez, rural internship

Member of the Judge Panel Tribunal, appraiser of: Asymptomatic bacteriuria and urinary infection in pregnancy, for Diego Dante Puentedura, rural internship of Ranchillos

Member of the Judge Panel Tribunal, appraiser of: Nourishment in the pregnant woman: topics inherent to her state, carried out by Beatríz Graciela Chumacero, rural internship, El Carmen Jujuy

Member of the Judge Panel Tribunal, appraiser of: Adolescence pregnancies, carried out by José Enrique Riarte, rural internship of Concepción

SELECTED PANEL JUDGE ACTIVITY

Member, Scientific Evaluation Committee for research prize awarded at the X Congress of Obstetric and Gynecology Residency in Norwest Argentina, Corrientes City, 1999

Member, Scientific Evaluation Committee for research prize awarded at the IV Argentinean Congress of Ob-Gyn Residents, Buenos Aires, 2000.

Member, Scientific Evaluation Committee for research prize awarded at the XI Norwest Congress de Residents, 2000

Expert for Special Obstetric Prize, Meeting of the Buenos Aires Obstetric and Gynecology Society, 2000

Judge for First Prize, International Meeting of Hypertension in the New Millennium and XIII

Scientific Meeting of Medical Students of Tucumán, 2001

Member, Scientific Evaluation Committee, Scientific Annual Meeting of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Society of Tucumán, 2003

CURRENT/RECENT PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Member, American Association of Public Health (APHA), 2004–present

Member, Tucumán Gynecology and Obstetric Society, 1996–present

Vice President and Funded Member, Tucumán Chapter of Argentinean Society of Hypertension in Pregnancy, 1998–1999.

Member, Tucumán Hypertension Society, 1999–present

President, Tucumán Chapter, Argentinean Society of Hypertension in Pregnancy, 2000–2003

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION

Development of an **evidence-based birthing chair** that builds on women's cultural tradition of giving birth in the squatting position. It is now used in many hospitals throughout Argentina.