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EDUCATION

- MD** Universidad Valle De México May 2015
Medico Cirugano Partero
- BS** University of Texas Pan-American May 2006
Bachelor of Science in Biology
Minor in Chemistry & Psychology

HONORS, AWARDS, & ORGANIZATIONS

- University Scholar Scholarship 2002
National Dean's List 2004
- Academic Retention Scholarship 2004
- UTRGV Health Coalition Distinguish Speaker 2017
- UTPA Ambassador Program 2004-2006
University Ambassador/Certified Mentor Training
- UTPA Collegiate G-Force 2005-2006
President/Co-founder
- Student Government Association 2005-2006
Member on Committee on Awards and Recognition
- Doctors Hospital at Renaissance 2016-2019
Grant Advisory and Management Committee/ Member
- Doctors Hospital at Renaissance 2016-Present
DHR Bariatric Journal Club/ Moderator

EMPLOYMENT

- Doctors Hospital at Renaissance** Edinburg, TX 2016-Present
Clinical Research Fellow
- Sunny Produce** McAllen, TX 2008-2010
International produce sales
- Edinburg CISD** Edinburg, TX 2006-2007
- Betancourt-Garcia 1

Science Teacher

Dr. Belinda Jordan Clinic
New Patient Evaluator

Edinburg, TX

2004-2006

CURRENT STUDIES

- DHR Health Institute for Research and Development protocol for the collection of human biospecimens; Co-Investigator
- Discovery and evaluation of new biomarkers for the diagnosis and treatment of patients; Co-Investigator
- The etiology of the gut microbiome in Hispanics of Mexican origin: A Neonatal Microbiome Pilot Study; Co-Investigator
- The Effect of Routine Pacing on Postoperative Atrial Fibrillation in Hispanic Patients Following Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Procedures; Co-Investigator
- Comparison of surgical outcomes from a single health system and the ACS NSQIP database; Co-Investigator
- The Effectiveness of Bariatric Surgery on Metabolic Profiles in a Hispanic Population including Effectiveness of Early Preoperative Weight Loss as a Predictor of the Surgical Success; Co-Investigator

PUBLICATIONS

Betancourt-Garcia MM, Vatcheva K, Thakur A, et al. Diabetes and its effect on abdominal aortic aneurysm growth rate in Hispanic patients. *Ann Vasc Surg*. Accepted 2019 Jun 5. In Press.

Betancourt-Garcia MM, Vatcheva K, Gupta PK, et al. The effect of Hispanic ethnicity on surgical outcomes: An analysis of the NSQIP database. *Am J Surg*. 2019 Apr;217(4):618-633. doi: 10.1016/j.amjsurg.2018.10.004. Epub 2018 Oct 10.

Thakur AA, Wang X, **Garcia-Betancourt MM**, Forse RA. Calcium channel blockers and the incidence of breast and prostate cancer: A meta-analysis. *J Clin Pharm Ther*. 2018 Aug;43(4):519-529. doi: 10.1111/jcpt.12673. Epub 2018 Apr 15.

Jiao J, Niu W, Wang Y, **Betancourt-Garcia MM**, et al. Prevalence of Aflatoxin-Associated TP53R249S Mutation in Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Hispanics in South Texas. *Cancer Prev Res (Phila)*. 2018 Feb;11(2):103-112. doi: 10.1158/1940-6207.CAPR-17-0235-AT. Epub 2017 Oct 31.

Betancourt-Garcia MM, Arguelles A, Montes J, Hernandez A, Singh M, Forse RA. Pediatric Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: the Rise of a Lethal Disease Among Mexican American Hispanic Children. *Obes Surg*. 2017 Jan;27(1):236-244. doi: 10.1007/s11695-016-

ABSTRACTS

Lopez V, Vatcheva K, **Betancourt-Garcia MM**, et al. Impact of accountable care organizations on acute cholecystitis outcomes in the RGV. Submitted to American Surgical Association Meeting, Washington, DC.

CHAPTERS

Forse RA, **Betancourt-Garcia MM**, Cordoba-Kissee M. Epidemiology and Discrimination in Obesity. ASMBS Textbook of Bariatric Surgery, 2nd Edition

SKILLS

- SPSS
- Grant Writing
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Light room
- Microsoft Office
- Ability to Work Under Pressure
- Decision Making
- Self-motivation
- Conflict Resolution
- Leadership
- Adaptability