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Current position:

- 1. Director of the Council for Scientific and Humanistic Development of the Central University of Venezuela. Academic Vice-Chancellor's Unit.**
- 2. Adjunct Professor - Inter-institutional Coordinator. Institute of Immunology. Faculty of Medicine. Universidad Central de Venezuela.**

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Razetti School of Medicine. Faculty of Medicine. Universidad Central de Venezuela	MD	1985	Medicine (MD)
Children Hospital (Hospital J.M. De Los Ríos). Graduate Course in Paediatrics. Faculty of Medicine. Universidad Central de Venezuela.	Medical Specialty	1987-1989	Paediatrician.
Graduate Course in Clinical Immunology. Faculty of Medicine. Universidad Central de Venezuela.	MSc	1996-1998	Clinical Immunologist

ACADEMY

- 2023 - present Director of the Council for Scientific and Humanistic Development of the Central University of Venezuela. Academic Vice-Chancellor's Unit.
- 2012 - present Adjunct Professor. Inter-institutional Coordinator. Institute of Immunology. Faculty of Medicine. Universidad Central de Venezuela.

Dr. Alexis H. García:
CLINICAL PRACTICE

2012 - present Clinical Immunology (Allergy, Immunodeficiency and Autoimmunity Diseases). Immunology Institute.
Universidad Central de Venezuela.

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

2012- 2014 Medical director GlaxoSmithKline Venezuela C.A.
1999 -2012 Medical advisor GlaxoSmithKline Venezuela C.A.

CLINICAL TRIAL EXPERIENCE:

- Salmeterol/Fluticasone in Children Phase IV
- Epidemiology Study of Deep Vein Thrombosis and Atrial Fibrillation in Venezuela
- Prospective epidemiological study: Study of capsulated and non-capsulated *Haemophilus influenzae* in children with acute otitis media in Venezuela.
- Lapatinib Observational Study (Metastatic Breast Cancer).
- Principal Investigator. Clinical Trial Face2b - Sputnik-V Vaccine- Venezuela (Clinical Protocol CINCT04642339) December 2020-July 2021

Honors, Awards and Other Professional Activities:

1. Order of Merit in Research "Dr. Hernán Méndez Castellán, Venezuelan Society of Childcare and Paediatrics. January 2024.
2. Honorable mention in singular promotion work presented for the category of Aggregate Professor at the Universidad Central de Venezuela. October 2023
3. Basic Medical Research Award. Dr. "José María Vargas". 2023. Faculty of Medicine- Universidad Central de Venezuela.
4. Honor to the Merit. Ministry of Science and Technology. August 2022.
5. Applied Scientific Research Award. Dr. "Luis Razetti". 2018. Faculty of Medicine- Universidad Central de Venezuela.
6. Basic Medical Research Award. Dr. "José María Vargas". 2017. Faculty of Medicine- Universidad Central de Venezuela.
7. GSK Footprints Award 2002
8. Thesis for Master Degree

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Titular Member of the Venezuelan Society of Childcare and Paediatrics.**
- Titular Member of the Venezuelan Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.
- Associate Member of the Venezuelan Infectious Diseases Society.
- Member of the Immunization Committee of the Venezuelan Society of Childcare and Paediatrics.

VOLUNTEERISM

- Doctors Without Borders from June 2019 to September 2019
- Doctors Without Borders from August 2020 to May 2021

A. PUBLICATIONS

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2. **García, A.H.**; De Sanctis, J.B. Exploring the Contrasts and Similarities of Dengue and SARS-CoV-2 Infections During the COVID-19 Era. *Int. J. Mol. Sci*. 2024, 25, 11624. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijms252111624>
3. **García, A.H.**; Crespo, F.I.; Mayora, S.J.; Martínez, W.Y.; Belisario, I.; Medina, C.; De Sanctis, J.B. Role of Micronutrients in the Response to SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Pediatric Patients. *Immuno* 2024, 4, 211-225. <https://doi.org/10.3390/immuno4030014>
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5. Franco C, Cornejo A, Rodríguez M, **García A**, Belisario I, Mayora S, Garzaro DJ, Jaspe RC, Hidalgo M, Parra N, Liprandi F, Zambrano JL, Rangel HR, Pujol FH. Sputnik V-Induced Antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 Variants during the Dissemination of the Gamma Variant in Venezuela. *Viruses*. 2024 Sep 18;16(9):1480. doi: 10.3390/v16091480.
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8. Soriusha Mayora Hernández, Wendy Martínez Vázquez, Francis Crespo Serrano, Inirida Belisario Gómez, Christian Medina García, Juan Bautista De Sanctis, **Alexis García Piñero**. Estudio Piloto del Efecto del Tipo y Conservación de la Muestra y Método en la Medicación de la Concentración de las Fracciones C3 y C4 del Complemento. *Acta Científica de la Sociedad Venezolana de Bioanalistas Especialistas*. 2023; Vol 26(2): 45-50.
9. Soriusha Mayora HERNÁNDEZ, Francis Crespo Serrano, Wendy Martínez VASQUEZ, SAMANTHA Gutiérrez BASSI, Miller Meléndez RODRÍGUEZ, Inirida Belisario GÓMEZ, Christian Medina García, Juan Bautista De SANCTIS, **Alexis García Piñero**. Determinantes de reacción cruzada de del (CCD) en panel de IgE específica para alimentos en población mestiza venezolana. *Ciencia en Revolución*, Vol. 9, N° 25, (enero-junio, 2023). DOI: <https://www.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8335619>
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11. Jenny Valentina Garmendia, **Alexis Hipólito García**, Claudia Valentina De Sanctis Marián Hajdúch and Juan Bautista De Sanctis. Autoimmunity and Immunodeficiency in Severe SARS-CoV-2 Infection and Prolonged COVID-19. *Curr. Issues Mol. Biol.* 2023, 45, 33-50. <https://doi.org/10.3390/cimb45010003>.
12. Jenny V Garmendia; **Alexis García**, Claudia De Sanctis, Marián Hajdúch, Juan B De Sanctis. Inmunodeficiencia y autoinmunidad en pacientes con la cOVID-19. Dos caras de una misma moneda. *Gac Méd Caracas* 2022;130(4):817-830. DOI: 10.47307/GMC.2022.130.4.16
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17. Juan Bautista De Sanctis, **Alexis García**, Dolores Moreno. Importance of the immune adaptative cell response in Sars-Cov-2 infection. *Revista de la Facultad de Farmacia - Vol. 84 - Nos 1 y 2 – 2021*. DOI:10.54305/RFFUCV.2021.84.1-2.3
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B.- Abstracts to Congress

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2. Inirida Belisario Gómez, Soriuska Mayora, Wendy Martínez Vázquez, Christian Medina García, Alexis García Piñero, Juan B De Sanctis, Mercedes Zabaleta Lanz. Presence Of Autoantibodies Following Sars-Cov-2 Infection And Prolonged Symptoms. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/380129151_Presence_of_autoantibodies_following_SARS-CoV Pan-American Congress of Rheumatology, held in Barranquilla, Colombia, from 10-13th April, 2024.
3. Mayora Soriuska, Martínez Wendy, Crespo Francis, Belisario Inirida, Medina Christian, De Sanctis Juan and **García Alexis**. Pilot study of the effect of sample type, sample conservation and method, on the measurement of the concentration of C3 and C4 fractions of the complement, XVII Venezuelan of Bioanalysis. Caracas, July 22, 2023
4. Francis Crespo, **Alexis García**, Belén Suarez, Catherine Fortique. JUVENILE DERMATOMYOSITIS. A CASE REPORT. LXVIII Venezuelan Congress of Puericulture and Paediatrics. Valencia, September 29th and 30th, 2022.
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7. **Alexis García**, Nicolás Bianco, Juan de Sanctis: "Picolinic Acid abrogates peroxide production of human neutrophils induced by IL-2, IL-4, and IFN γ " 11TH International Congress of Immunology 22-27 July 2001, Stockholm, Sweden.
8. Juan B. De Sanctis, **Alexis García**, Nicolas Bianco. "Expression of CD25, CD122, CD132, CD124, CD116 and IFN γ R β in human neonatal leukocytes, comparison with normal adults". XX Congress International Society for Analytical Cytology. Montpellier. France. May 20-25 2000.

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9. **García A.**, Juan de Sanctis and Nicolás Bianco. “Effects of Interleukin-4 on the oxidative burst of polymorphonuclear leukocytes from adults and newborns”. Society for Leukocyte Biology 15th International Congress. Churchill College. Cambridge, United Kingdom. September 22-26, 1999.
10. **García A.**, Juan de Sanctis and Nicolás Bianco. “Effects of Interleukin-2 on the oxidative burst of polymorphonuclear leukocytes from adults and newborns”. Society for Leukocyte Biology 15th International Congress. Churchill College. Cambridge, United Kingdom. September 22-26, 1999.
11. **García A.**, Juan de Sanctis and Nicolás Bianco. “Effects of gamma interferon on the oxidative burst of polymorphonuclear leukocytes from adults and newborns”. First International Congress on Citokines/Chemokines in Infectious Diseases. September 8-10, 1999, Bethesda, Maryland.
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LIST OF THE SUPERVISOR’S TRAINEES

1. Diego Lema. Medical Student. Research Program. School of Medicine. Universidad Central de Venezuela. December 2012-October 2015. Graduated with honours.
2. Chritian Medina. Medical Student. Research Program. School of Medicine. Universidad Central de Venezuela. October 2017-2022. Graduated with honours.
3. Francis Crespo 2020-2022. Student of the master's program in Clinical Immunologist. Faculty of Medicine. Universidad Central de Venezuela. Graduated with honours in December 2022.

AREAS OF INTEREST:

- Vaccines / Monoclonal Antibodies
- Infectious Diseases –Immune Response
- Respiratory Diseases/ Allergy Disease

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