



Brief background of Dr. Hernando A. Villamizar-Gómez

Dr. **Hernando Antonio Villamizar-Gómez**, was born on August 27, 1951 in Cúcuta, Colombia, the city where he currently lives and where he has worked as a Pediatrician and Neonatologist

Professional training:

Doctor and **Pediatrician** from the Universidad del Rosario de Colombia (1975) and Children's Hospital of Bogota "*Lorencita Villegas de Santos*" (1980) with a major training in **Neonatology** at the University Hospital "*12 de Octubre*" in Madrid, Spain (1987) and a specialty (2005) **Pedagogical University Practice** at "*Francisco de Paula Santander*" University in Cúcuta, Colombia.

He has done various courses and seminars in **Management Programs and Health Administration** and "**APC-Administración Por Calidad**" (quality for management).

Professional experience

Since 1980 he has practiced Pediatrics in Cúcuta, Colombia, time during which he has worked amongst other things as a Director for the Pediatric Service and the Newborn Intensive Care Unit-NICU of the Social Security Hospital and ESE "*Francisco de Paula Santander*". He is now retired from this state institution.

During the course of six years (1988 to 1992), he was reelected as Scientific Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the "Clínica Santa Ana" in Cúcuta, institution where he was also Chief of Pediatrics and the Neonatal Unit.

Founder and coordinator of the NICU at La Salle Clinic from Saludcoop and San José Clinic in Cúcuta.

Currently, he has a private practice as a Pediatrician in Cúcuta.

Academic Activities

Basically his academic activity has revolved around the neonatology and especially the implementation of Pediatric Advanced Life Support-PALS programs (PALS founder of Colombia). Became part of the first group of certified trainers in Colombia, workshop led by **James S. Seidel, MD (+)**, past chair of the Emergency Care Committee of the AHA and the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee of Chapter 2 of the AAP.

He has taken courses and participated as an instructor of **Neonatal Resuscitation** in Colombia, **Pediatric Total Nutrition Therapy Program**, TNT-P® and **STABLE Program®**, being one of the first certified instructors nationwide.

He is also a speaker at several national and international events of neonatology, paediatrics, public health and social responsibility, and has been visiting professor of Pediatrics Diplomate of Critically Sick Child Care.

Often involved in academic and interinstitutional meetings, as well as with the private sector and the public in the name of **ALAPE**; **G.A.T.A.** member (PAHO/WHO Technical Advisory Group in Integrated Management of Childhood Illness-IMCI Strategy,) and the **Colombian Society of Pediatrics** both locally and abroad

Member of the group in Colombia, together with Southern Cone-South American countries, that promotes the recognition of health services and civil rights for children and adolescents.

He works in different initiatives from **ALAPE** and the **Colombian Society of Pediatrics**, strengthening partnerships with regional Pan American Health Organization PAHO/WHO, Ministry of Social Protection of Colombia, UNICEF, Save the Children and the United Nations Population Fund UNFPA, among others, to promote space for advocacy for the IMCI strategy, promotion and recognition of Children and Adolescents Rights, neonatal health and public policies for youth and adolescents.

Guild Activity

He is currently the President of the Latin American Association of Pediatrics-**ALAPE** for 2009-2012. As such, he is a member of the **Standing Committee** of **The International Pediatric Association-IPA**.

He was recently appointed adviser of **PAHO/WHO** as a member of **AIEPI** (IMCI strategy) **Technical Advisory Group (G.A.T.A. in spanish)**.

He has been a leader of the **Colombian Society of Pediatrics** from 1979 to date, and is currently Past President 2006-2010 and Member of the Board thereof.

Also makes part of the **Colombian Society of Neonatology** as one of its founders. He has been a member of its Board of Directors and main members of the Santander

regional from 2000 to date.

He is a member of the regional chapter of the **National Academy of Medicine.**
National Academy of Medicine since 2007.