

GARM's

Leadership Team

DR. MARCO TULIO MEDINA

Marco Tulio Medina is a Honduran born neurologist and scientist, who achieved national and international recognition while serving as Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH) in Tegucigalpa. He has been a pioneer in neurological research and while at the Department of Science at UNAH in 1985, was head of the prestigious Scientific Research Unit.



Together with various professors of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, and scientists, he established the Institute for Research in Health Sciences, the first of its nature in Honduras. Since the early 1990s he has been particularly active in the study of epilepsy genes, and along with Professor Antonio Delgado Escueta of the University of California, Los Angeles, he has claimed to have co-discovered several genes related to epilepsy.

He has served as Regional Director for Latin America of the World Federation of Neurology (WFN), and head of the Latin American Committee of the International League Against Epilepsy.

He is also an expert consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva to the International Classification of Diseases. In 2000 he was one of the founders of the Global Honduras Foundation (Fundación Honduras Global), which aims to identify and connect Honduran people worldwide and promote knowledge by encouraging innovation and scientific development in Honduras.

He was also co-founder of the Honduran Association of General Practitioners (Asociación Hondureña de Médicos Generales), the Honduran Society of Epilepsy (Sociedad Hondureña de Epilepsia), Honduran Association of Neurology (Asociación Hondureña de Neurología) and numerous others. In 2013 he was awarded the José Cecilio del Valle National Prize for Science by the Ministry of Education.

Although Dr. Medina's accolades are beyond impressive, his passion for the patient and diligent pursuit of scientific excellence qualifies him as a key and important member of the GARM Leadership Team.