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American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Fellow

American Academy of Pediatrics. Fellow

Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. Member.  
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Scoliosis Research Society

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Puerto Rico Orthopaedic Society. President 2000-2001  
Vice-President 1999-2000  
Secretary-Treasurer 1998-1999  
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Sociedad Dominicana de Ortopedia y Traumatología. Member.

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Sociedad Paraguaya de Ortopedia y Traumatología. Member

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## **LECTURES**

### **Puerto Rico Orthopedic Society Meeting-Puerto Rico**

Date: April 1996 1. Idiopathic Scoliosis

### **First Caribbean Children Fracture Course: Haiti**

Date: April, 1998 1. Open Fractures Management  
2. Knee Fractures

### **Puerto Rico Pediatric Fracture Course- Guanica, Puerto Rico**

Date: April 1998 1. Pediatric Knee Fractures

**7<sup>th</sup> International Orthopedic Trauma and Sports Medicine Meeting – San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Date: Oct. 23, 1999 1. Pediatric Knee Fractures

**Sociedad de Ortopedia de Puerto Rico – Punta Cana, R.D.**

Date: May 25, 2000 1. Vertical Talus

**1<sup>st</sup> Conferencia de Ortopedia Infantil – Santo Domingo, R.D.**

Date: Aug. 26, 2000 1. Idiopathic Scoliosis  
2. Pediatric Fractures

**18<sup>th</sup> Convención Médicos Pediatras Región Norte – Mayagüez, Puerto Rico**

Date: Sept. 2, 2000 1. Idiopathic Scoliosis

**Pediatric Orthopedic Fracture Course. 12<sup>th</sup> Congreso Cubano de Ortopedia y Traumatología. – Holguin, Cuba**

Date: Nov. 21, 2000 1. Knee Fracture

**Pediatric Hip Course. 13<sup>th</sup> Congreso Cubano de Ortopedia y Traumatología Havana-Cuba.**

Date: November 2001 1. Hip Septic Arthritis  
2. Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis  
3. Neuromuscular Hip Problems

**Paraguay Pediatric Fracture Course. Asuncion –Paraguay**

Date: January 2002 1. Open Fractures  
2. Knee Fractures  
3. Monteggia Fractures

**Chinese Medical Association Pediatric Meeting. Hong Kong-China**

Date: January 11 2003 1. Distal Femoral Physeal Fracture Management

**Southeast Asia Pediatric Fracture Course- Vietnam : Ho Chi Mihn City, Vietnam**

Date: January 13-14 2003 1. Immediate Hip Spica  
2. Supracondylar Fractures

**Southeast Asia Pediatric Fracture Course- Thailand : Bangkok, Thailand**

Date: January 16-17 2003 1. Immediate Hip Spica  
2. Supracondylar Fractures

**XVIII Congreso Internacional Sociedad Mexicana de Ortopedia Pediatrica  
Ixtapa, Zihuatanejo- Mexico**

Date: September 16-18 2004 1. Distal Radius Fractures  
2. Tibial Fractures

**Advanced Medical Technology 2005- CIRACET 5th Bi-annual Seminar  
Caribe Hilton , San Juan Puerto Rico.**

Date: May 6 2005 Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome  
VEPTR

**SouthAmerica Pediatric Fracture Course- Chile: Santiago City**

Date: June 27-28 2005 1. Distal Radius Fractures  
2. Knee Pediatric Fractures

**South America Pediatric Fracture Course- Ecuador: Quito**

Date: June 30- July 1 2005 1. Distal Radius Fractures  
2. Knee Pediatric Fractures

**23th Convención de Medicos Pediatras del Oeste. Ponce , PR**

Date : September 3 2005 Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome

**EBI Regional Spine Workshop, San Juan PR**

Date: October 8 2005 Scoliosis

**De La Concepcion Hospital Faculty Convection, Rincon Puerto Rico**

Date: August 26,2006 Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome

**V Congreso Paraguayo de Ortopedia y Traumatologia- Paraguay: Asuncion**

Date: October 2006 1. Distal Radius  
2. Elbow Fractures  
3. Tibial Fractures  
4. Femur Fractures

**XVII Congreso Boliviano de Ortopedia y Traumatologia- Bolivia: Santa Cruz**

Date: October 2006 1. Distal Radius  
2. Elbow Fractures  
3. Tibial Fractures



**American Pediatric Academy- Puerto Rico Chapter 2007 Annual Meeting-  
San Juan**

Date: Feb. 2007

1. Congenital Scoliosis

**XVI Congreso Nacional de Ortopedia y Traumatología- Honduras  
I Congreso CentroAmericano de Ortopedia Pediatrica. San Pedro  
Sula –Honduras** Date : April 2007

- 1 Congenital Hip Dysplasia
- 2 Pediatric Knee Problems
- 3 Myelomeningocele
- 4 Congenital Scoliosis

**Advanced Medical Technology 2007- CIRACET 6th Bi-annual Seminar  
San Juan Puerto Rico.**

Date: May 2007 La Concepción Management with Complex Scoliosis

**Puerto Rico Orthopaedic Society Annual Meeting- 2007 , Ponce Puerto Rico**

Date: Sept 2007 La Concepcion Management with Early Onset Scoliosis

**Chest Wall and Spine Deformity Study Group Meeting- 2008 Nuevo Mexico**

Date: May 2008 Hypoplastic Chest Deformity

**26 th Convencion Medicos Pediatras Region Oeste – Mayaguez, Puerto Rico**

Date: August 31 2008

1. Pediatric Back Pain
2. Pediatric Knee problems

**XV Congreso Uruguayo de Ortopedia y Traumatología- I Curso Traumatología  
Pediatrica- 2008. Montevideo, Uruguay**

Date: Sept 9-10 2008

1. Forearm Fractures
2. Femur Fractures
3. Tibial Fractures
4. Knee Trauma

**XXXIX Congreso Peruano de Ortopedia y Traumatología- I Curso Internacional  
De Fracturas Pediatricas-2008. Ciudad Trujillo, Peru**

Date: Sept 11-12 2008

1. Forearm Fractures
2. Femur Fractures
3. Tibial Fractures
4. Knee Trauma

**American Pediatric Academy- Puerto Rico Chapter 2009 Annual Meeting- San Juan**

Date: Feb. 2009

1. Congenital Scoliosis
2. The use of VEPTR in early onset scoliosis

**Latin American Pediatric Association Meeting- San Juan – Puerto Rico**

Date: Nov 2009

1. Congenital Scoliosis
2. Pediatric Fracture Management

**I POSNA/ EPOS/SLAOTI COURSE, IX Brazilian Pediatric Orthopaedic Meeting, V Congreso de Sociedad Latino Americana. Sao Paulo Brazil**

Date: June 2010

1. Clinical Application of Growth Modulation
2. Tibial Spine Fracture
3. Hip Fracture/ Dislocations
4. Indications and Technique of Close Reduction Of DDH

**28<sup>th</sup> Convención Médicos Pediatras Región Oeste – Mayagüez, Puerto Rico**

Date: Sept. 2, 2010

1. Idiopathic Scoliosis

**6<sup>th</sup> World Congress International Society of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Medicine ISPRM – San Juan Puerto Rico**

Date: June 13 2011

1. Congenital Scoliosis

**First Pediatric Orthopaedic Course for Pediatrician. San Juan – Puerto Rico**

Date: June 25 2011

1. Back Pain
2. Knee Pain

**II POSNA – EPOS- SLAOTI- SCHOT International Meeting Puerto Varas- Chile**

Date: Nov 2011

1. Clinical Application of Growth Modulation
2. Tibial Spine Fracture
3. Hip Fracture/ Dislocations
4. Indications and Technique of Close Reduction Of DDH
5. SCFE : classification and treatment

**First Caribbean Musculoskeletal Dysplasia Congress- San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Date: Nov 2011

1. Orthopedics Manifestations of STD

**Pain Management Symposium 2012- VA Hospital San Juan Puerto Rico**

Date: Nov 3 2011      1. Pediatric Back Pain

**31<sup>th</sup> Convención Médicos Pediatras Región Oeste – Mayagüez, Puerto Rico**

Date: Sept. 2, 2013      1. Spondylothoracic Dysplasia  
2. Congenital Hip Dislocation

**XII Congreso Internacional ORITEL San Juan Puerto Rico**

Date: Sept. 7 3013      1. Neuromuscular Scoliosis

**III POSNA – EPOS- SLAOTI- SAOTI International Meeting – Buenos Aires Argentina.**

Date: Sept 2013

1. Clinical Application of Growth Modulation
2. Hip Fracture/ Dislocations
3. Indications and Technique of Close Reduction Of DDH

**IV POSNA – EPOS- SLAOTI- SAOTI International Meeting – Bogota Colombia.**

Date: Oct 2015

1. Clinical Application of Growth Modulation
2. Hip Fracture/ Dislocations
3. Indications and Technique of Close Reduction Of DDH
3. Early Onset Scoliosis treatment

**XIX Congreso Sociedad Uruguay Traumatología y Ortopedia – Montevideo, Uruguay**

Date: Nov 2016

1. Pediatric Elbow Fracture
2. Lower Extremity Pediatric Fracture

**POSTER PRESENTATION**

**Floating Knee Injuries Treated With Single Percutaneous Approach Vs Traditional Antegrade Femur Fixation: A Comparative Study.** J Rios MD  
V. Ho Fung MS, N.Ramirez MD. American Medical Student Association  
52 nd Annual Convention , March 7 2002 ; Houston, Texas

**Posteromedial Release for Talipe Equinovarus in Spina Bifida.** J. Flynn MD, R. Fernandez- Feliberti MD, **N Ramirez MD**, J. Herrera MD, F. Vilella MD  
XXI. Annual Meeting of The European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society  
April ,2002. Istanbul ,Turkey.

**Description of the Pulmonary Function Tests in 13 Spondylothoracic Dysplasia Patients.** A Cornier, AA Reis, JM Massanet , JR Acevedo, S Carlo, V Franceschini, H Rivera, **N. Ramirez**. The American Society of Human Genetics 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting , November 2003 , Los Angeles. CA

**Comparison of Height and Thoracic Circumference Measurements of 20 Spondylothoracic Dysplasia patients .** J Massanet, S Carlo, **N Ramirez**, A Reis H Rivera, J Acevedo, V Franceschini, A Cornier. The American Society of Human Genetics 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting , November 2003 , Los Angeles.

**Sequential Pulmonary Function Test in 5 Spondylothoracic Dysplasia Patients**  
**N Ramirez**, J Acevedo, S. Carlo, J Massanet, A Reis, H Rivera, V Franceschini  
A S Cornier. The American Society of Human Genetics 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting ,  
November 2003, Los Angeles

**Presence of Lactic Acidemia and elevated Lactic-Pyruvate Ratio in patients with Autism.** S Carlo, N Arcinegas, D Valencia, J Acevedo, H Rivera, A Reis J Massanet **N Ramirez**, AS Cornier. The American Society of Human Genetics 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting , November 2003 , Los Angeles.

**Molecular Characterization of Lesch Nyhan Syndrome in Puerto Rican Family**  
P. Oneill, AS Cornier, N Arciniega, J Acevedo, **N Ramírez**, S Carlo The American Society of Human Genetics 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting , November 2003 , Los Angeles

**Differences of Anthropomorphic Measurements in the Survival probability of 20 patients with Spondylothoracic Dysplasia.** A Reis, J Massanet, S Carlo, **N Ramirez**, V. Franceschihi, J Acevedo , AS Cornier .The American Society of Human Genetics 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting , November 2003, Los Angeles

**Spondylothoracic Dysplasia: Patients with Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome with an unexpected survival rate.** 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society, March 2004. Geneva , Switzerland

**The Natural History of Classical Arthrogyposis.** John Flynn, Fernando Vilella, MJ Mulcahey, **Norman Ramirez**, Alberto S-Cornier. 24th Meeting Of the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society. April 2005 Palma de Mallorca , Spain

**Single Bone Fixation in Both Bone Fractures in the Pediatric Population**  
Artemio Torres, Carlos Foy, A Rodríguez, Nector Ramos ,**Norman Ramirez**

24th Meeting Of the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society. April 2005  
Palma de Mallorca , Spain

**The Musculoskeletal Manifestations of the Coffy – Lowry Síndrome: A Multicenter Study.** Jose A Herrera – Soto, Lee Segal, **Norman Ramirez- Lluh**  
Alberto Santiago-Cornier , Junichi Tamai. Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of  
North America May 2005, Ottawa Canada

**Tissue Reaction to Gamma TiAl in Vivo Rat Model .** Diego F. Castaneda- Muñoz  
Paul Sundaram , **Norman Ramirez.** III Congreso Internacional De Materiales  
Septiembre 12 , 2005 Cartagena De Indias, Colombia

**Review of VEPTR in Jarcho – Levin patients.** Nigel Price, Robert  
Campbell, **Norman Ramirez-Lluh.** IMAST 2006 Athens- Greece

**Mortality in Children with Hypoplastic Chest Wall Deformity Following  
Reconstructive Surgery.** Mj Mulcahey, Randall Betz, Robert Campbell, John Smith  
John Flynn , **Norman Ramirez.** Scoliosis Research Society 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
September 2006, Monterey , California

**Controversies in Jarcho-Levin Syndrome: Spondylothoracic Dysplasia vs  
Spondylocostal Dysplasia.** **Norman Ramírez,** John Flynn, Alberto S. Cornier  
Simon Carlo, Nigel Price , Frams Pino. 1<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Early  
Onset Scoliosis and Growing Spine Nov 2007 Madrid Spain

**The Natural History of a Syndrome of Dislocated Hips, Radial Heads  
Dislocation, Carpal Coalition, and Short Stature in Children .** John Flynn,  
**Norman Ramírez,** Randall Betz, MJ Mulcahey, Framz Pino, Simon Carlo, Josean  
Herrera, Alberto S Cornier 2008 Pediatric Orthopaedic Society Of North America  
Annual Meeting Albuquerque New Mexico April 2008

**Hemoglobin Level May be a Useful Surrogate Measure of Respiratory Function  
in TIS and Early Onset Scoliosis** Jean-Francois Caubet, MD ,John B Emans, MD  
John T Smith, MD ,Harold Van Bosse, MD ,**Norman Ramirez, MD** ,John Flynn,  
MD , Michael Vitale, MD ,Melissa Smith, RN ,Tricia St.Hilaire, BS IMAST 2008  
Hong Kong- China

**Selective Treatment of Thoracic Curve by VEPTR in the growing spine: what  
happens to the lumbar curve?** A . Samdani, J. Birkens, R. Williams, **N. Ramirez**  
J Flynn, R. Betz. IMAST 2009 Austria

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J Flynn, R. Betz. SRS 2009 San Antonio Texas. USA

**Anxiety and Psychosocial disability in patients undergoing repetitive surgery for  
Early Onset Scoliosis: We should be worried.** Michael Vitale, Daniel Miller

**Norman Ramírez**, Frances Torres, Hiroko Matsumoto, MJ Mulcahey, John Flynn  
IMAST 2010. Toronto, Canada.

**The use of S-Hook as Pelvic Foundation as Part of Rib Base Construct**

**Norman Ramírez**, John Flynn, John Smith, Michael Vitale, Charles D' Amato and  
Ron El- Hawary. Eleventh Annual Scientific Conferences of the Canadian Spine  
Society March 2011 Quebec City Canada.

**Validation of Feldman's Back Pain Algorithm: MRI role in pediatric back pain  
Diagnosis.** **Norman Ramirez**, Brian Hill, Carlos Calvo, Jose Serrano, John Flynn  
2012 POSNA Annual Meeting, May 2012 Denver Colorado.

**Survey of cause of death in the patients with Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome**  
Shiro Imagama, Noriaki Kawakami, Taichi Tsuji, Ryoji Touchi, John Emans, John  
Flynn, **Norman Ramirez**, Shohei Minami, Tashiaki Katani, Horushia Yanagida Toru  
Hirano, Nooki Ishiguro; the Japanese TIS study group, Chest Wall and Spine  
Deformity Study Group 19 th International Meeting on Advanced Spine Techniques  
July 18-21 2012 Istanbul, Turkey

**Variability of Cobb Angle and Spinal Height Measurements in Non-ambulatory  
Myelodysplastic Children.** John M. Flynn MD, **Norman Ramirez MD**, Juan  
Pretell-Mazzini MD<sup>2</sup>, Derek M. Kelly MD<sup>2</sup>, William C. Warner Jr. MD<sup>2</sup>, Jeffrey R.  
Sawyer MD The Orthopaedic Clinical Society 101Th Annual Meeting Buffalo New  
York Sept 2013.

**Reliability analysis for Cobb angle measurements of congenital scoliosis using X  
ray and 3D-CT** Ryoji Tauchi<sup>1</sup>, Taichi Tsuji, Toshiki Saito , Ayato Nohara , Shiro  
Imagama , Ajeya P. Joshi, David P. Roye, Jr, Michael Glotzbecker, Jeffrey R. Sawyer,  
John A. Heflin, John M. Flynn, John T. Smith, **Norman Ramirez**, Patrick J. Cahill,  
Ron El-Hawary, Noriaki Kawakami. ICEOS 2014 San Diego - California

**Secondary Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome in None Ambulatory  
Myelodysplastic Children** **Norman Ramirez, MD**; Pablo Valentin, BS; Frances M.  
Rodriguez, BS-RT; Francisco Jaume, MD; Axel Velez, MD; Ivan Iriarte, MD; John M.  
Flynn, MD (Deceased ) ICEOS 2015 Boston, Massachusset

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Varakitsomboon , Sumeet Garg Gregory Redding , Walter Krengel. AAOS 2018  
Annual Meeting March 6-10 New Orleans, Louisiana- USA

**Are there any associations between back pain and AIS with the possibility of an underlying pathology? Norman Ramirez, Gerardo Olivella . 2018 POSNA Meeting Austin , Texas - USA**

**CHAIRMAN:**

**Puerto Rico Pediatric Fracture Course- April 1999**

**First Dr. Fernandez-Feliberti Orthopaedic Forum- May 2001**  
GUEST SPEAKER: DR KAYE WILKINS

**Paraguay Pediatric Fracture Course- January 2002**

**Second Dr. Fernandez-Feliberti Orthopedic Forum – May 2002**  
GUEST SPEAKER: DR HENRY MANKIN

**Third Dr. Fernandez – Feliberti Orthopedic Forum- May 2003**  
GUEST SPEAKER: DR CHARLES ROCKWOOD

**Fourth Dr. Fernández-Feliberti Orthopaedic Forum- May 2004**

**Fifth Dr. Fernández- Feliberti Orthopedic Forum May 2005**  
GUEST SPEAKER: DR HAMLET PETERSON

**Chile Pediatric Fracture Course- June 2005**

**Ecuador Pediatric Fracture Course- June 2005**

**Paraguay Pediatric Fracture Course- October 2006**

**Bolivia Pediatric Fracture Course- October 2006**

**Uruguay Pediatric Fracture Course- Sept 2008**

**Peru Pediatric Fracture Course- Sept 2008**

## AWARDS

- RESIDENT RESEARCH'S AWARD , 1994– ORTHOPAEDIC DEPARTMENT
- . BEST RESEARCH PRESENTATION – SMOP 2000
- DOCTOR'S CHOICES AWARD- PED.ORTHOP. BUENA VIDA 2002
- DOCTOR'S CHOICES AWARD- PED.ORTHOP. BUENA VIDA 2003
- THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ORTHOPEDICS 2004 RESIDENT WRITER'S AWARD- 2nd PLACE.
- DOCTOR 'S CHOICE AWARD- PED. ORTHO . BUENA VIDA 2005
- GUIDE TO AMERICAN 'S TOP PHYSICIANS- 2004-2005 EDITION CONSUMERS' RESEARCH COUNCIL OF AMERICA
- DOCTOR 'S CHOICE AWARD – PED ORTHOP. BUENA VIDA 2006
- HONOR CITIZEN – SAN PEDRO SULA -HONDURAS
- DOCTOR 'S CHOICE AWARD – PED ORTHOP. BUENA VIDA 2007
- DOCTOR 'S CHOICE AWARD – PED ORTHOP. BUENA VIDA 2008
- PONCE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. 4TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE  
FIRST PRIZE-ORAL PRESENTATION- MEDICINE 2008
- MERCK HEALTH INNOVATION AWARD -2008 CLINICAL INVESTIGATION
- DOCTOR' S CHOICE AWARD – PED ORTHOP. BUENA VIDA 2009
- DOCTOR' S CHOICE AWARD – PED ORTHOP. BUENA VIDA 2010
- PONCE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 6 TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE.  
SECOND PRIZE- ORAL PRESENTATION- MEDICINE 2010  
THIRD PRIZE – ORAL PRESENATION - MEDICINE 2010
- PONCE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE  
FIRST PRIZE –ORAL PRESENTATION – BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE-2011



- DOCTOR' S CHOICE AWARD – PED ORTHOP. BUENA VIDA 2011
- PONCE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 10 TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC  
CONFERENCE. SECOND PRIZE- ORAL PRESENTATION- MEDICINE 2015
- AMERICO SERRA FORUM- FIRST PRICE ORAL PRESENTATION 2015
- PONCE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 11 TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC  
CONFERENCE. THIRD PRIZE- ORAL PRESENTATION- MEDICINE 2016
- PHYSICIAN QUALITY AWARD – 2016 HOSPITAL DE LA CONCEPCION