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Education

Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Residency SSM Health/Saint Louis University School of Medicine (SLU-SOM), St. Louis, MO	7/2021 – 6/2026
Doctor of Medicine, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine (UPR-SOM), San Juan, PR	7/2017 - 6/2021
Bachelor of Science in Biology, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Inter American University of Puerto Rico, San Germán Campus (IAUPR-SG)	8/2012 - 5/2016

Educational & Research Activities

Away Rotation in Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Adler Clinics San Juan, PR Hosted by Eric Adler MD, Annika Meyer MD & Enrique Gorbea MD	4/2024
4th Annual High Yield Primer: Allergy & Rhinology Course Houston, TX	2/2024
Midwest Otolaryngology Simulation Training Course 2023 Resident Coordinator St. Louis, MO	1/2023 - 7/2023
Mandible Reconstruction with Virtual Surgical Planning Surgical Training Lab St. Louis, MO	4/1/2023
Resident Update in Rhinology: Techniques in Endoscopic Sinus Surgery An Intensive Hands-On Cadaver Workshop St. Louis, MO	9/9/23 & 12/3/22
Midwest Otolaryngology Simulation Training Course 2022 Resident Participant St. Louis, MO	7/9/2022
Mayo Clinic-UPR Summer Research Experience Program Division of Hematology and Oncology Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL	6/2018 - 7/2018
St. Jude Pediatric Oncology Education Program Department of Cell & Molecular Biology St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN	5/2016 - 8/2016
Cornell University Summer REU Program in the Life Sciences Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	6/2015 - 8/2015

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Publications

Hoag T, Boone G, Simpson M, Velez Velez L, Mazul A, Massa S. Perceived Discrimination Among Patients With Head and Neck Cancer. *Laryngoscope Investigative Otolaryngology* 11, no. 3. 2026 May. e70428. <https://doi.org/10.1002/lio2.70428>.

Velez Velez L, Shah A Y, Boone G, et al. Diversity in Academic Otolaryngology: Career Outcomes for Underrepresented Groups. *Cureus* 18(5). 2026 May. e109389. doi:10.7759/cureus.109389

Shah A, Schwetschenau L, Velez Velez L, Gupta R, Chen K, Chen C. Evaluating AI Responses to Postoperative Questions in Mohs Reconstruction. *Facial Plast Surg*. 2025 Sep 4. doi: 10.1055/a-2689-2685

Velez Velez L, Corpuz T, Schwetschenau L, Mazul A, Massa S. Survival Associations of Timely Postoperative Radiotherapy among Head and Neck Cancer High-Risk Subgroups. *The Laryngoscope*. 2025 Feb. <https://doi.org/10.1002/lary.32074>

Armstrong A, Velez Velez L, Simpson M, Massa S. Trends and Implications of Adjuvant Systemic Therapy for Head and Neck Cancer Without High-Risk Features. *Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*. 2023 Sep;169(3):556-569. doi: 10.1002/ohn.252. Epub 2023 Feb 5. PMID: 36939584.

Jorgensen M, Velez Velez L, Asbun H, Colon-Otero G. Everolimus Is Effective Against Metastatic Solid Pseudopapillary Neoplasm of the Pancreas: A Case Report and Literature Review. *JCO Precis Oncol*. 2019 Dec;3:1-6. doi: 10.1200/PO.18.00304. PMID: 35100684.

Velez Velez L, Hughes C, Kasi P. Clinical Value of Pharmacogenomic Testing in a Patient Receiving FOLFIRINOX for Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma. *Front Pharmacol*. 2018 Nov 15;9:1309. doi: 10.3389/fphar.2018.01309. PMID: 30498448; PMCID: PMC6249237.

Presentations

Development and Implementation of a Postoperative Protocol for Patients Undergoing Parathyroidectomy for Primary Hyperparathyroidism. Presented at the Annual Mark A. Varvares, MD Endowed Lecture and William B. Harkins, MD Graduation Weekend, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. June 5, 2026. (Oral presentation)

Diagnostic Evaluation of Congenital Hearing Loss. Presented at Grand Rounds, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. February 4, 2026. (Oral presentation)

Diversity in Academic Otolaryngology: Career Outcomes for Underrepresented Groups. Presented at AAO-HNSF 2025 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience. Indianapolis, IN. October 11-14, 2025. (Oral presentation)

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Current Concepts in Microtia and Aural Atresia. Presented at Grand Rounds, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. April 2, 2025. (Oral presentation)

Survival Associations of Timely Postoperative Radiotherapy Among Head and Neck Cancer High-Risk Subgroups. Presented at the AAO-HNSF 2024 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience. Miami, FL. September 28 – October 1, 2024. (Poster presentation)

Current State of Diversity in the Academic Otolaryngology Workforce. Presented at the Annual Mark A. Varvares, MD Endowed Lecture and William B. Harkins, MD Graduation Weekend, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. June 7, 2024. (Oral presentation)

Trigeminal Trophic Syndrome: A Multidisciplinary Approach. Presented at the ENT Club of St Louis, Resident Case Study Presentation Competition, May 28, 2024. (Oral presentation)

Liquid Biopsies in Head and Neck Cancer. Presented at Grand Rounds, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. February 21, 2024. (Oral presentation)

Potential Benefit of Effective Implementation of Timely Postoperative Radiation as a QI Metric Across HNSCC Patients. Presented at the Annual Mark A. Varvares, MD Endowed Lecture and William B. Harkins, MD Graduation Weekend, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. June 2, 2023. (Oral presentation)

Bell's Palsy. Presented at Grand Rounds, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. April 12, 2023. (Oral presentation)

Other Work Experience

Rx-Coach Tutor | Scholar-Rx/First Aid team

4/2020 - 4/2021

Served as the only bilingual (Spanish and English) tutor and coach for medical students and graduates preparing for the USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK examinations.

Honors & Awards

Resident *Top Gun* Award for Excellent In Service Examination Performance
SLU Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

6/2026

Excellence in Professionalism Award
Office of Professional Oversight, SLU-SOM

9/2022

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (ΑΩΑ), UPR-SOM

3/2021

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Gold Humanism Honor Society Member, UPR-SOM Chapter	2/2020
University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine & Mayo Clinic Research Award Sponsored by Mayo Clinic Center for Clinical and Translational Science	3/2018
Chancellor Award for Academic Excellence Inter American University of Puerto Rico	2012 - 2016
Inter American University of Puerto Rico Honors Program	2012 - 2016

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy
The Triological Society
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society