

MELISSA ORTIZ-HERNANDEZ, M.D.

EDUCATION

2011-2012	Johns Hopkins Medicine <i>Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellowship</i>	Baltimore, MD
2006-2011	UPR – Medical Sciences Campus <i>Otolaryngology Residency</i>	Rio Piedras, P.R.
2005-2006	UPR – Medical Sciences Campus <i>Preliminary Year General Surgery</i>	Rio Piedras, P.R.
2001-2005	UPR - Medical Sciences Campus <i>Degree in Medicine, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Rio Piedras, P.R.
1997-2001	UPR – Mayaguez Campus <i>Bachelor's degree in Pre-Medical Sciences, Magna Cum Laude</i>	Mayaguez, P.R.

HONORS RECEIVED

February, 2009	Rafucci Forum, American College of Surgeons Award
June, 2005	Top 25 Medical School GPA
August, 2000	Golden Key National Honor Society member
1998-2001	University of Puerto Rico's Dean's List member
1998-2001	Beta Beta Beta Honor Society for Biology Students
1998-2001	National Dean's List Member

LICENSURE AND CONTINUED MEDICAL EDUCATION

April, 2012	<i>AAO Oral Board Exam Certified</i>
September, 2011	<i>AAO Written Board Exam Certified</i>

January, 2007 *NBME, USMLE Step 3*

May, 2005 *NBME, USMLE Step 2 CS*

October, 2004 *NBME, USMLE Step 2 CK*

July, 2003 *NBME, USMLE Step 1*

November, 2009 *House Ear Institute – Otology Course*

April, 2008 *4th Caribbean Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Course*

September, 2005 *Total Nutritional Therapy*

June, 2005 *CPR for the health provider Certification*

June, 2005 *Acute Cardiac Life Support Certification*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2005 - Present

**American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
Foundation**

AWARDS

February, 2009 ***Pediatric Tracheotomy – Changing Trends in Puerto Rico***
Award Winning Presentation at the American College of Surgeons, Rafucchi Forum
San Juan, PR
Mentor: Dr. Carlos Gonzalez-Aquino

RESEARCH AND PRESENTATIONS

April, 2012 ***Management of the Moderate to Severe Bifid Nose Via an Open Septorhinoplasty Approach***
Participation in Poster Presentation for AAFPRS Spring Scientific Meeting 2012

March, 2012 *Pediatric Neck Masses*
Speaker at the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses National Committee on Education

February, 2012 ***The ABC's of ENT***
Presentation for Medical Students, Johns Hopkins Medicine
Baltimore, Maryland

February, 2012 ***Velopharyngeal Insufficiency: Diagnosis and Management***
Otolaryngology Grand Rounds Presentation at University of Maryland
Baltimore, Maryland

July, 2011 ***Velopharyngeal Insufficiency: Diagnosis and Management***
Otolaryngology Graduation Meeting
University of Puerto Rico
Fajardo, Puerto Rico

February, 2011 ***Solitary Neurofibroma of the Posterior Nasal Septum***
Poster Presentation at the North American Rhinology and Allergy Conference
Fajardo, Puerto Rico

June, 2010 ***Congenital Lingual Masses – A Clinoradiologic Correlation***
Presentation at the annual meeting of the Puerto Rico Otolaryngology Society.
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

- January, 2010 ***Pediatric Tracheotomy – Changing Trends in Puerto Rico***
 Submitted a grant proposal for consideration on ASPO CORE Research Grants.
 Mentor: Dr. Carlos Gonzalez-Aquino
- June, 2009 ***Bacterial Biofilm Formation in Patients with Chronic Sinusitis***
 Presentation at the annual meeting of the Puerto Rico Otolaryngology Society.
 Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
- February, 2009 ***Pediatric Tracheotomy – Changing Trends in Puerto Rico***
 Award Winning Presentation at the American College of Surgeons, Rafucchi Forum
 San Juan, PR
- September, 2008 ***Pediatric Tracheotomy – Changing Trends in Puerto Rico***
 Poster Presentation at the AAO-HNS Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO.
 This Pilot study is pending to be submitted to the Archives of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Journal.
 Chicago, IL
- June, 2008 ***Bacterial Biofilm Formation in Patients with Chronic Sinusitis***
 Submitted our grant proposal for consideration for one of the 2008 American Rhinology Society Research Grants
 Mentors: Dr. Patricia Maeso, Dr. Jose Busquets, Dr. Juan C. Portela
- Summer, 2002 ***University of Texas MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER Summer Research Program, Houston, TX.***
Clinical Research - Head and Neck Cancer Surgery
 Participated as an intern on a two month program consisting of clinical and grand rounds, operating room experience and review of literature activities with different attending physicians of the Head and Neck Cancer Surgery team. I wrote and presented a case report titled: **The Optimum Evaluation and Treatment of Thyroid Nodules.**
 Mentor: Dr. Eduardo Diaz.
- Summer, 2000 ***University of Texas MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER Summer Research Program, Houston, TX.***
Clinical Research – Critical Care Medicine
 I engaged in research activity for two months with the critical care and anesthesiology team. Information about MICU patients during 1999 was retrospectively reviewed to study *End Of Life Care in Critically Ill Cancer Patients and Neuromuscular Blockade as a Predictor of Intensive Care Unit Mortality in Ventilated Cancer Patients.* Two abstracts were written.
 Mentors: Dr. Feeley, Dr. Shaw.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- February, 2010* **Program: Atleta Saludable - II Latinoamerican Games Special Olympics**
Volunteer work in Health Fair - Audiology clinics
- December, 2005* **Comunidad Canteras** Public Health project where we developed a questionnaire to study health services and availability at the Cantera's community.
- 2002-2005* **Training the Next Generation of Hispanic Cancer Researchers Program.** A joined program between UPR Puerto Rico Cancer Center and UT MD Anderson Cancer Center. *Conferences given on a monthly basis by physicians involved in cancer research.*
- May, 2004* Volunteer visit to underprivileged sectors of Vieques municipality with **AMAR** group (Asociación de Médicos al Rescate) to provide pediatric medical services and medications to children in Vieques.
Mentor: Dr. Alvelo.
- Fall, 2002* **Anatomy Teacher Assistant.** Tutored and quizzed first year medical students in the anatomy laboratory.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Completely fluent in English and Spanish
- Triathlons