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Bio

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
- Neonatology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Professor, Pediatrics - Neonatology

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Medical Director, SVMH-LPCH Joint Venture NICU, (2009- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- David Wirtschafter Award - Neonatal Quality Improvement, CPQCC (2020)
- SSPR Founder's Award, Southern Society of Pediatric Research (2014)
- Best Doctors in America, Best Doctors (2009)
- Presidential Excellence in Teaching Award, Univ TX HSC San Antonio (2009)
- Neonatal Fellowship Teaching Award, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellows (2008)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine Subboard - Chair, American Board of Pediatrics (2022 - present)
- Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine Credentials Committee, American Board of Pediatrics (2020 - present)
- Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine Subboard - Member, American Board of Pediatrics (2019 - present)
- Maternal Exposure Work Group: Co-Chair, CPQCC (2018 - present)
- Board of Trustees, California Association of Neonatologist (2016 - 2022)
- Data Advisory Board, CPQCC (2012 - present)
- Perinatal Section Executive - District VII, American Academy of Pediatrics (2008 - 2010)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Fellowship: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Neonatology Fellowship (1989) CA
- Residency: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Pediatric Residency (1986) CA
- Medical Education: University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine (1983) CA
- Board Certification: Pediatrics, American Board of Pediatrics (1987)
- American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Pediatrics , Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine (2013)
- Board Certification: Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, American Board of Pediatrics (1989)
- Internship, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center , Pediatrics (1984)
- Fellowship, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center , Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine (1989)
- Board Certification, American Board of Pediatrics , Pediatrics (1987)
- Board Certification, American Board of Pediatrics , Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine (1989)
- M.D., Univ CA San Francisco , Medicine (1983)

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Neonatal Fluid Balance

Surfactant

Lung Fluid Reabsorption

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Neonatal abstinence syndrome management in California birth hospitals: results of a statewide survey.** *Journal of perinatology : official journal of the California Perinatal Association*
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- **Role of Oral Mucosal Fluid and Electrolyte Absorption and Secretion in Dry Mouth.** *The Chinese journal of dental research : the official journal of the Scientific Section of the Chinese Stomatological Association (CSA)*
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- **The Joint Admission Medical Program: A Statewide Approach to Expanding Medical Education and Career Opportunities for Disadvantaged Students** *ACADEMIC MEDICINE*
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- **Induction of Serum- and Glucocorticoid-Induced Kinase-1 (SGK1) by cAMP Regulates Increases in alpha-ENaC** *JOURNAL OF CELLULAR PHYSIOLOGY*
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- **Inhibition of Ca²⁺ influx by surfactant in NR8383 alveolar macrophages** *INFLAMMATION RESEARCH*
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- **Immunosuppressive properties of surfactant in alveolar macrophage NR8383** *INFLAMMATION RESEARCH*
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- **Regulation of Ca²⁺ signals in a parotid cell line Par-C5** *ARCHIVES OF ORAL BIOLOGY*
Liu, X. B., Mork, A. C., Sun, X. H., Castro, R., Martinez, J. R., Zhang, G. H.
2001; 46 (12): 1141-1149
- **Echovirus 7 infection and necrotizing enterocolitis-like symptoms in a premature infant.** *Journal of perinatology*
Castro, R.
2000; 20 (8): 558-561
- **Ion transport in an immortalized rat submandibular cell line SMG-C6** *PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE*
Castro, R., Barlow-Walden, L., Woodson, T., Kerecman, J. D., Zhang, G. H., Martinez, J. R.
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- **DECREASED SURFACTANT DOSE-RESPONSE AFTER DELAYED ADMINISTRATION TO PRETERM RABBITS** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF RESPIRATORY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE*
Seidner, S. R., Ikegami, M., Yamada, T., Rider, E. D., Castro, R., Jobe, A. H.
1995; 152 (1): 113-120
- **VASCULAR EFFECTS ALTER EARLY-GESTATION FETAL RENAL RESPONSES TO VASOPRESSIN** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY*
Ervin, M. G., Terry, K. A., Calvario, G. C., Castro, R., Ross, M. G., LEAKE, R. D., Fisher, D. A.
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- **OVINE MATERNAL AND FETAL GLOMERULAR ATRIAL-NATRIURETIC-FACTOR RECEPTORS - RESPONSE TO DEHYDRATION** *BIOLOGY OF THE NEONATE*
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- **ONTOGENY OF ATRIAL-NATRIURETIC-FACTOR RECEPTORS AND CYCLIC-GMP RESPONSE IN RABBIT RENAL GLOMERULI** *PEDIATRIC RESEARCH*
Castro, R., LEAKE, R. D., Ervin, M. G., Ross, M. G., Fisher, D. A.
1991; 30 (1): 45-49
- **EFFECT OF A RING-DELETED ATRIAL-NATRIURETIC-FACTOR ANALOG ON OVINE FETAL RENAL AND CARDIOVASCULAR FUNCTION** *PEDIATRIC RESEARCH*
Castro, R., Ervin, M. G., LEAKE, R. D., Ross, M. G., Fisher, D. A.
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- **FETAL RENAL RESPONSE TO ATRIAL-NATRIURETIC-FACTOR DECREASES WITH MATURATION** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY*
Castro, R., Ervin, M. G., LEAKE, R. D., Ross, M. G., Sherman, D. J., Fisher, D. A.
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- **OVINE FETAL RENAL AND HORMONAL RESPONSES TO CHANGES IN PLASMA EPINEPHRINE** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY*
Ervin, M. G., Castro, R., Sherman, D. J., Ross, M. G., Padbury, J. F., LEAKE, R. D., Fisher, D. A.
1991; 260 (1): R82-R89
- **OVINE FETAL LUNG FLUID RESPONSE TO ATRIAL NATRIURETIC FACTOR** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY*
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● **OVINE FETAL AND ADULT ATRIAL NATRIURETIC FACTOR METABOLISM** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY*

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