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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Neurology with Special Qualifications in Child Neurology, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (2010)
- Fellowship: Children's National Medical Center Pediatric Infectious Diseases Fellowship (2010) DC
- Internship: Georgetown University Hospital (2007) DC
- Residency: Hospital Nacional de Pediatria Juan P Garrahan (2001) Argentina
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LINKS

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Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Observation Study in Patients Age 0-5 Years With LAMA2-related Congenital Muscular Dystrophy, Recruiting
- Efficacy and Safety of Apitegromab in Patients With Later-Onset Spinal Muscular Atrophy Treated With Nusinersen or Risdiplam, Not Recruiting

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