

# V International Symposium: Advances in Vascular Health, Investment, and Medical Tourism

**Punta Cana, Dominican Republic – October 24–26, 2025**

**Venue:** AC Hotel by Marriott Punta Cana

Avenida Barceló Km 9, Bávaro Boulevard Center, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 23301

**Tagline:** "Your Sponsorship, Our Mission: Saving Lives Together"

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This basic, general brief is intended for prospective sponsors and invited panelists.

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## 1) Objective

To convene clinicians, researchers, industry, and community leaders from the Dominican Republic and the diaspora to accelerate prevention, early diagnosis, and advanced treatment of vascular diseases—particularly stroke—while exploring synergies with medical tourism and responsible health investment models.

**This Symposium marks the first step toward establishing a national stroke (ACV) prevention program in the Dominican Republic.**

## 2) Mission & Vision (AHPsi)

**Mission.** Advance the health and well-being of Hispanic communities by fostering education, prevention, and access to quality care, while supporting the professional development of immigrant health professionals.

**Vision.** Be a reference of excellence in immigrant Hispanic healthcare, catalyzing cross-border collaboration to reduce the burden of vascular disease and expand equitable, culturally competent care.

**About AHPsi.** Founded **35 years ago in New York, USA**, AHPsi unites all health professions to support Hispanic immigrants through scientific education, certification programs, and community prevention. Across the U.S., AHPsi has organized hundreds of academic activities and workforce initiatives. In the Dominican Republic, the Association has produced **four**

**international events**, including editions at the **Biblioteca Pedro Mir (UASD)**, **Bayahibe**, and **Barahona**, strengthening bilateral collaboration in health and education.

### 3) General Scientific Conferences (Overview)

- **Stroke & Vascular Health:** modifiable risk factors, primary/secondary prevention, neurointervention, and post-stroke rehabilitation.
- **Dementia & Cognitive Health:** early diagnosis, biomarkers, care models, and caregiver support.
- **Digital/AI & Telemedicine:** clinical decision support for stroke and dementia, networked care across regions.
- **Diaspora & Workforce:** bridging Dominican higher education with U.S. health-system demands; credentialing/licensure pathways.
- **Medical Tourism & Investment:** quality, safety, and value-based partnerships between the U.S. diaspora and Dominican providers.

### 4) Telethon – Brief Description & Reach

A live fundraising and awareness broadcast aligned with the Symposium's prevention goals. It will highlight survivor stories, expert mini-talks, and sponsor spotlights. **Reach:** AHPSI's social channels (YouTube, Facebook, X), partner media, and community networks in the U.S. (NY/NJ/FL) and the Dominican Republic. Funds support stroke-prevention initiatives, education, and access to screening.

### 5) Distinguished Preliminary Panelists & Topics

- **Yolanny Ramirez, MD** — *Building bridges between Dominican higher education and U.S. health-system demands.*
- **Carlos Augusto Williams, MD** — *Prevention of the most common vascular diseases.*
- **Yokasta Germosen Almonte, MD** — *Modifiable risk factors and primary prevention of stroke (ACV).*
- **Deana M. Deel, RN, BSN, MBA, CDP** — *Dementia update: early recognition, care models, and caregiver support.*

- **Marie I. Goodwin, RN, MSN, FNP-C** — *Topic: To be announced.*
- **Elizabel De León Olmeda, MD** — *UNIBE and the Medical Diaspora: strengthening ties with our professionals in the U.S.*
- **Isidro De León Felipe, MD – Neurosurgeon (Cerebrovascular)** — *Surgical innovations in cerebral thrombectomy: from present to future.*
- **Michael Santana Tapia, Lic. – Clinical Psychologist** — *Prevention and management of post-stroke emotional decline (depression, anxiety, apathy).*
- **Tomiris Estepan, MD – National Coordinator, Division of Noncommunicable Diseases** — *Current status of stroke management in the Dominican Republic: strategies for prevention and control.*

## 6) Scientific Program – Core Content (Indicative)

- Pre-congress workshop: **Prehospital stroke care** for health professionals.
- General sessions: stroke prevention, neurointervention, dementia advances, AI/telemedicine, diaspora partnerships, and medical tourism quality.
- Panels: cross-border care pathways; education & licensure bridges; community prevention and equity.
- Networking: sponsor showcases; diaspora–provider roundtables.

## 7) Sponsorship Levels (Names Only)

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## 8) Organizing Committee (Preliminary)

- **Dr. Aritmedes Restituyo** — President, AHPSI | Event Coordinator
- **Dr. Carlos Williams**
- **Dra. Carmen Rodríguez**

- **Dr. José Isidro Ruiz**
- **Lic. Elba Rosa García**
- **Dra. Lourdes Piña**
- **AHPSI Scientific Committee** — Vascular Health, Stroke, Dementia, AI/Telemedicine Tracks
- **AHPSI Community & Telethon Team** — Outreach, media, survivor stories, sponsor spotlight
- **Strategic Partner: Keller Williams Dominicana (Investors Camp Open Door)** — sponsor engagement and community investment outreach
- **Institutional Collaborators (preliminary):** UNIBE; Pontificia Universidad Católica de Santiago; partner hospitals and universities (to be announced)

## 9) Contact

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