

GORY BALLESTER ORTIZ, MD, DABR

PROFILE

Diplomate of the American Board of Radiology, committed to further develop training and research in radiology for improved patient care through state-of-the art modalities, especially in the field of Abdominal and Oncologic Imaging. Committed to practice quality and contribute to the field of radiology and medicine in general. Given to public service and contribute to the well being of people in Puerto Rico.

EDUCATION

- Dec 2012 – Nov 2013 **Subspecialty training/Visiting Scientist – Abdominal Oncologic Imaging**
Section of Diagnostic Radiology
MD Anderson Cancer Center
The University of Texas, Houston, Texas
- July 2006 – June 2010 **Radiology Residency**
Section of Diagnostic Radiology
Department of Radiological Sciences
University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- July 2005 – June 2006 **Internship, General Surgery**
Department of General Surgery
University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Aug 2001 – June 2005 **Graduate Studies - Medicine**
University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- *Medicine Doctor - Magna Cum Laude*
- Aug 1996 – May 2000 **Undergraduate Studies - Biology**
University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
Department of Biology, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
- *Bachelor in Science, Biology – Magna Cum Laude*

HONORS/AWARDS

- June 2010 **Resident of the Year Award**, Section of Diagnostic Radiology, Department of Radiological Sciences, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
- Nov 2008 **Chief Resident**, Section of Diagnostic Radiology, Department of Radiological Sciences, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
- Mar 2005 **Ramon E. Betances Award**, given to a medical student with excellent academic achievement that also demonstrates the best qualities of humanism in medicine, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
- Feb 2004 **Alpha Omega Alpha**, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
- Dec 2000 **Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society**, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
- Aug 2000 **Golden Key National Honor Society**, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
- 1997-2005 **Dean's List**, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus and School of Medicine
- Aug 2000 **Who's Who National Honor Society**, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey Campus

ACADEMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Feb 2014 – present **Director**, Section of Diagnostic Radiology, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
- Jan 2014 – present **Director, Radiology Residency Program**, Section of Diagnostic Radiology, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
- April 2013 – present **Councilor for Puerto Rico**, American College of Radiology, Puerto Rico Chapter
- Jan 2016 – present **Reviewer, Abdominal Imaging**, Journal of Society of Abdominal Radiology
- May 2015 **Course Co-Director**, “*Current Topics in Radiology: From Head to Toe*”, 19th SRPR-ACR Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology, Puerto Rico Chapter

April 2014 **Course Co-Director, “Current Topics in Pediatric Imaging”, 18th SRPR-ACR Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology, Puerto Rico Chapter**

April 2013 **Course Co-Director, “MD Anderson Categorical Course in Oncologic Imaging”, 17th SRPR-ACR Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology, Puerto Rico Chapter**

March 2013 – present **Member; Guidelines and Standards Committee for General, Rural and Small Practices, American College of Radiology, USA**

March 2013 – present **Member; General, Rural and Small (GRS) Group Network, American College of Radiology, USA**

July 2009 – June 2012 **Coordinator, Radiology course for first and second year medical students, Section of Diagnostic Radiology, Department of Radiological Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico**

July 2010 – June 2012 **Co-Coordinator, Radiology course for third year medical students, Section of Diagnostic Radiology, Department of Radiological Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico**

April 2012 **Course Co-Director, “Body Imaging: Advanced Techniques and Applications”, 16th SRPR-ACR Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology, Puerto Rico Chapter**

June 2011 – present **Member; ITIC Standards and Interoperability Sub Committee, American College of Radiology, USA**

April 2011 – April 2013 **Alternate Councilor for PR, American College of Radiology, Puerto Rico Chapter**

April 2011 – 2013 **Delegate for PR, “Colegio Interamericano de Radiología” (CIR)**

April 2011 **Course Co-Director, “Women’s Imaging: Current Topics and Future Trends”, 15th SRPR-ACR Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology, Puerto Rico Chapter**

- Feb 2011 – June 2012 **Member, Executive Committee**, Section of Diagnostic Radiology, Department of Radiological Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Nov 2010 – June 2012 **Member, Finances Committee**, Section of Diagnostic Radiology, Department of Radiological Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Aug 2010 – June 2012 **Member, Operations Committee**, Section of Diagnostic Radiology, Department of Radiological Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- April 2010 **Course Co-Director, “Hot Topics in Emergency Radiology”, 14th SRPR-ACR Annual Meeting**, Puerto Rico Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology, Puerto Rico Chapter
- April 2009 – present **Head, Scientific Committee**, Board of Directors of the Puerto Rico Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology, Puerto Rico Chapter
- 2007-2010 **Resident’s Delegate**, Board of Directors of the Puerto Rico Radiological Society and the American College of Radiology Puerto Rico Chapter

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

- Dec 2013 – present **Assistant Professor, Diagnostic Radiology**, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- May 2014 – present **Director**, Centro de Imágenes de la Escuela de Medicina, RCM-UPR, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Mar 2015 – present **Faculty, Medical Director, Diagnostic Radiology**, Centro Cardiovascular de Puerto Rico y el Caribe, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Feb 2014 – present **Faculty, Medical Director, Diagnostic Radiology**, Hospital Oncológico Dr. Issac González Martínez, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Jan 2014 – present **Faculty, Medical Director, Diagnostic Radiology**, Puerto Rico Medical Services Administration (ASEM), San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Nov 2012 – present **Faculty, Diagnostic Radiology**, Hospital San Francisco, San Juan, Puerto Rico

August 2012 – present **Faculty, Diagnostic Radiology,** Mayagüez Medical Center,
Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

August 2012 – present **Faculty, Diagnostic Radiology,** Manatí Medical Center, Manatí,
Puerto Rico

CERTIFICATIONS

Diplomate, American Board of Radiology
National Board of Medical Examinees
Medical license: Puerto Rico

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/AFFILIATIONS

2013 – Present *Society of Abdominal Radiology (SAR)*

2013 – Present *American Society of Spine Radiology*

2011 – Present *Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance (SCBTMR)*

2010 – Present *American College of Radiology*

2009 – 2011 *North American Society of Cardiovascular Imaging (NASCI)*

2008 – Present *European Society of Radiology (ESR)*

2007 – Present *Sociedad Radiológica de Puerto Rico (SRPR)*

2007 – Present *Colegio Interamericano de Radiología (CIR)*

2004 – Present *American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS)*

2004 – Present *Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)*

2001 – Present *University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine Alumni Society*

RESEARCH: CURRENT ACTIVE PROJECTS

- Aug 2015-present ***MRI Evaluation of Prostate Cancer: Correlation of Imaging and Pathologic Findings***
- Nov 2015-present ***Shear Wave Ultrasound Elastography of the Liver for Evaluation of Patients with Chronic Liver Disease***
- Feb 2016-present ***Chest CT for Evaluation of Anatomical Variants of the Thoracic Aorta in the Puerto Rico Population***

RESEARCH: ABSTRACTS, POSTERS AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Dec 2014 ***Crohn Disease Complications: A Radiologic-Pathologic Correlation***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2014 Radiological Society of North America annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Dec 2013 ***Magnetic Resonance Imaging with Gd-EOB-DTPA: Extrahepatic Pathology***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2013 Radiological Society of North America annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Oct 2013 ***Scoring and Staging of Renal Cell Cancer: The Role of CT and MR***
Poster presented at the 2013 Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ, USA.
- Oct 2013 ***Gastrointestinal Carcinoid: The Role of CT and MR***
Poster presented at the 2013 Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ, USA.
- Nov 2012 ***The Broken Dam: MDCT Evaluation of Traumatic Bladder Rupture***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2012 American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Nov 2012 ***The Aching Sac: Sonographic Evaluation of Acute Scrotal Pain***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2012 American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Nov 2012 ***Nonaccidental Trauma: What the Clinician Needs to Know***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2012 American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.

- Oct 2011 ***Pelvic MR for evaluation of fistulizing disease***
Poster presented at the 2011 Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance annual meeting, Washington, DC, USA.
- Feb 2011 ***CT and MR Evaluation of Ring Enhancing Lesions: a pictorial essay***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2011 American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Oct 2010 ***Meningioma: Evaluation with CT and MR with Surgical Correlation***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2010 Interamerican College of Radiology annual meeting, Santiago, Chile.
- July 2009 ***MDCT and MR Evaluation of Sub axial Cervical Spine Trauma***
Mentors: Edgar Colón, MD; Angel A. Gómez, MD; Jorge Vidal, MD
Scientific poster presented at the 2009 American Society of Spine Radiology and European Society of Spine Radiology combined meeting, Rome, Italy.
- May 2009 ***Fistulizing Crohn's Disease: correlation between MDCT enterography and surgical findings***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2009 American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Boston, MA, USA. Elected for **CME activity**.
- May 2009 ***Pelvic MRI for Perineal Crohn's Disease: a pictorial assay***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2009 American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Boston, MA, USA. Elected for **CME activity**.
- May 2009 ***MDCT in the evaluation of extra peritoneal pelvis for blunt and penetrating trauma: review of anatomy and tomographic findings***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2009 American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Boston, MA, USA.
- May 2009 ***Cervical Spine Trauma: correlation between MDCT and MRI findings***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2009 American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Boston, MA, USA.
- Nov 2008 ***Breathing Room: The Post-pneumonectomy Space***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2008 Radiological Society of North America annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Nov 2008 ***The Pelvic Floor: An MRI Atlas of Male and Female Anatomy***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2008 Radiological Society of North America annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.

Nov 2008 ***Crohn's Disease: MDCT Enterography Findings with Surgical and Pathologic Correlations***
Educational exhibit presented at the 2008 Radiological Society of North America annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.

RESEARCH: ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- Oct 2013 ***"Gastrointestinal Carcinoid: The Role of CT and MR"***
G. Ballester MD, C. Llorens MD, E. Tamm MD, P. Bhosale, F. Moron, J. Szklaruk MD, PhD; Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ, USA.
- Oct 2013 ***"Scoring and Staging of Renal Cell Cancer: The Role of CT and MR"***
G. Ballester MD, C. Llorens MD, F. Moron, J. Szklaruk MD, PhD; Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ, USA.
- May 2011 ***"CT and MR Evaluation of Ring Enhancing Lesions: a pictorial essay"***
G. Ballester MD, Y. López MD, A. Gómez MD, E. Colón MD; American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Oct 2009 ***"MDCT Enterography for Evaluation of Crohn's Disease"***
G. Ballester MD, Y. López MD, A. Gómez MD, E. Colón MD; State of the Art Small Bowel Imaging, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AR, USA.
- May 2009 ***"MDCT in the evaluation of extra peritoneal pelvis for blunt and penetrating trauma: review of anatomy and tomographic findings"***
G. Ballester MD, C. Cortés MD, L. García MD, E. Colón MD, A. Gómez MD ; American Roentgen Ray Society annual meeting, Boston, MA, USA.
- Dec 2009 ***"Breathing Room: The Post-pneumonectomy Space"***
A Bierhals MD, F. Gutierrez MD, G. Ballester MD, T. Hillen MD; Radiological Society of North America annual conference, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Dec 2008 ***"Crohn's Disease: MDCT Enterography Findings with Surgical and Pathologic Correlations"***
G. Ballester MD, E. Labat MD, E. Colón MD, J. Lojo MD, E. Torres MD, C. González-Keelan MD; Radiological Society of North America annual conference, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL, USA.

PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Feb 2014 **“Computed Tomography”** chapter in 2nd edition of **“Biliary Tract and Gallbladder Cancer: A Multidisciplinary Approach”** textbook
Editors: Joseph Herman, Timothy Pawlik, Charles R. Thomas, Jr.
- April 2013 **“Radiación en la Práctica Médica Actual”**
Galenus magazine, Puerto Rico
- May 2012 **“La Resonancia Magnética para la Evaluación del Intestino Delgado”**
Galenus magazine, Puerto Rico
- Nov 2012 **“Radiología: Ciencia de las Imágenes Médicas”**
Buena Vida magazine, Puerto Rico
- May 2011 **“Enterografía por Tomografía Computadorizada Multicortes para la Evaluación del Intestino Delgado”**
Galenus magazine, Puerto Rico
- Dec 2010 **“Enterografía Utilizando Tomografía Computadorizada Multidetectores para la Evaluación de Enfermedad Inflamatoria del Intestino Delgado”**
Buhiti, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine Magazine
- 2010 **“Imaging Techniques Relative to Rehabilitation”**
Colón E., Gómez A., Vidal J., Labat E., Ballester G. in *“Essentials of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation”* textbook; Editors: Walter R. Frontera, Julie K. Silver

SPEAKER/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Nov 2014 *Guest Speaker, Abdominal Imaging; various topics (3)*
Congreso Internacional de Radiología de la Sociedad Dominicana de Radiología, La Romana.
- Sept 2014 *Guest Speaker, Abdominal Imaging; various topics (3)*
Congreso de Asociación Civil de Diagnóstico por Imágenes y Terapia Radiante de Guatemala, Ciudad de Guatemala.
- June 2014 *Guest Speaker, Abdominal Imaging; various topics (6)*
Sociedad de Radiología y Diagnóstico por Imágenes de la Provincia de Córdoba, Argentina.

- April 2012 *Guest Speaker, MDCT for the evaluation of Crohn's disease; MR of the Small Bowel.*
Radiological Society of Puerto Rico-ACR Puerto Rico chapter, 2012 meeting.
- April 2011 *Guest Speaker, Pelvic MR for the evaluation of perianal Crohn's disease.*
Radiological Society of Puerto Rico-ACR Puerto Rico chapter, 2011 meeting.
- Oct 2010 *Guest Speaker, CT and MR Enterography for Evaluation of Crohn's Disease.*
Radiology Residency Program 50th Anniversary Celebration, UPR School of Medicine
- Nov 2008 *Guest Speaker, Thoracic and abdominal pathology and imaging protocols using MDCT.*
Puerto Rico Radiologic Technologists association 2008 annual convention.
- Sept 2007 *Guest Speaker, Brain MRI for evaluation of patient with seizures.*
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Puerto Rico, south chapter annual meeting.
- 2006–Present *Speaker, Radiology courses* for medical students.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 2015–Present *President, Puerto Rico Association of Professional Judges for Paso Horses and CONFEPASO.*
- 2010–Present *Certified International Judge of Paso Fino Horses, Puerto Rico Association of Professional Judges for Paso Horses and CONFEPASO.*

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Diagnostic Radiology
 Oncologic Imaging
 Abdominal Imaging
 Academic Radiology
 Research in Radiology
 Community and public service

PERSONAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES

Ride "Paso Fino" Horses
Judge "Paso Fino" horses
Agriculture and land/farm development

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

English and Spanish (fluent written and spoken)
Knowledge and skills in PC, Mackintosh, Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher, PACS,
RIS and Internet, among others.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.