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After completing my medical studies in my home country of Costa Rica and pursuing several research projects at Harvard Medical School, the University of Miami, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, I moved to Germany to train in neurosurgery at the Göttingen University Hospital.

My research interests: Aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage, in particular neurocritical care of these patients, which I believe to be an overlooked opportunity to improve patient outcome.

My passions beyond neurosurgery:

- Competitive swimming
- The intricate relationship between basic sciences, arts/music, and the philosophical questions resulting therefrom, better summarized in Goethe's Faust: "to understand, what holds the world together at its core"
- Global discovery

Issues important to me:

- Equality in neurosurgery – ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background, can have access to the opportunities they deserve to advance their careers
- Improving mentoring programs for residents/trainees
- Centralization and standardization of both care and training

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