

IN MEMORY OF...



Dr. Luis Espinoza attended Medical School at Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru, and was Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Section of Rheumatology at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans. After completing a clinical rheumatology fellowship at Barnes Hospital, Washington University, St. Louis, MO and Royal Victoria Hospital, McGill University, Montreal, PQ, Canada, and a two-year post-doctoral immunology research fellowship at the Rockefeller University, New York City, NY, he returned to Montreal and joined the Division of Rheumatology, Department of Medicine of the Royal Victoria Hospital, McGill University School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Espinoza's research has focused primarily on furthering the understanding of the etiology and pathogenesis of Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA), with special emphasis on environmental and immunogenetic factors, and also with emphasis on therapeutic aspects. His initial research work was supported by the Canadian Arthritis Society and subsequently by the National Institute of Health.

Dr. Espinoza has published over 340 peer-reviewed publications, 230 book chapters and review publications, and over 400 abstracts. Original contributions to PsA include recognition of the distinct histopathological characteristics of the synovial membrane, especially vascular involvement, role of growth factors in its pathogenesis, identification of genetic markers associated with PsA (HLA-B38), and potential role of infectious agents on its pathogenesis.

In addition, he has published and edited several books, and with Dr. Lynn Gerber, co-authored a book on Psoriatic Arthritis, published in 1985.

Dr. Luis Espinoza was a founder member of GRAPPA. He served as President of the Pan American League Against Rheumatism (PANLAR), and also served as Chair of the International League of Associations for Rheumatology (ILAR). Moreover, he served as Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Rheumatology the official journal of ILAR. He has been honored with several distinctions including Masterships from the American College of Physicians, American College of Rheumatology, Peruvian Society of Rheumatology, Colombian College of Rheumatology, and Argentinian Society of Rheumatology. He was Foreign Member of the Scientific Committee of the Update on Psoriatic Disease and on May 2014 awarded at University FEDERICO II of Naples the VERNA WRIGHT PRIZE.

We will always save his memory as a great Scientist and Physician, but equally as a special Friend, gentle, wise, a real gentleman.

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