



CARDIAC SAFETY RESEARCH CONSORTIUM



CSRC Enters Second Decade Welcoming New Co-Director: Ignacio Rodriguez, MD

At the Cardiac Safety Research Consortium's 10th Annual Meeting last October, the group honored the many achievements and contributions of outgoing Co-Director Dr. John Finkle (GSK) and welcomed Dr. Ignacio Rodriguez (Roche) as the new CSRC Co-Director. His tenure in this role officially began on January 1, 2017.

Dr. Rodriguez is a familiar face to the cardiac safety community and is a founding member of the CSRC. He trained in internal medicine at the Javeriana University in Bogota, Colombia, was a visiting fellow in cardiology at Georgetown University Medical Center, and completed a fellowship in clinical pharmacology at Georgetown University School of Medicine. His academic work focused on cardiovascular research and drug-induced effects in cardiac repolarization.

After holding various clinical practice and teaching positions in Colombia, Dr. Rodriguez joined Pfizer Global Research and Development in 2001, where he worked as a clinical research scientist, global safety leader, and risk management leader. In 2005, he joined the Safety Risk Management Department at Roche, where he is currently a senior safety science leader. In addition, he leads the Pharma Development Site at the Roche Innovation Center in New York City.

Dr. Rodriguez's professional interests and expertise center on drug-induced disease and clinical safety, with a major focus in cardiovascular safety and drug-induced QT prolongation. He has served on cardiovascular safety internal advisory groups at both Pfizer and Roche, and is currently the head of Roche's Cardiovascular Safety Expert Group.

Dr. Rodriguez is also Roche's representative within the CSRC. An active member of the CSRC since its inception, his energy and creativity have contributed greatly to both the Scientific Oversight and Membership Committees. His dynamic leadership, charming personality, and organizational skills have advanced his service to our public-private partnership's productivity. At the CSRC, he has served as chair of the White Paper and Scientific Oversight Committees, and recently became co-chair of Executive Committee.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Rodriguez into this new role, and in congratulating the CSRC members both on the emergence of this new leadership and for Dr. Finkle's continued involvement with our organization through the Executive Committee.