

Biography Professor María Montes de Oca



She received her medical degree from the Central University of Venezuela, in Caracas, Venezuela, and completed Internal Medicine Specialization and Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care Medicine from the Central University of Venezuela and Tufts University School of Medicine Boston, MA., U.S.A, respectively.

Dr. Montes de Oca is Full Professor of Pulmonary Medicine (Tenured Professor) Central University of Venezuela, School of Medicine and Former Past-President of the Latin American Association of Thorax (ALAT) period 2012-2014.

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Dr Montes de Oca is a Principal Investigator of some epidemiological studies in Latin America such as: Latin American Research Project on Pulmonary Obstruction (PLATINO), the Prevalence Study and Regular Practice, Diagnosis and Treatment, Among General Practitioners in Populations at Risk of COPD in Latin America (PUMA) and Latin American Study of 24-hs Symptoms in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Patients (LASSYC) studies.

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