



Ivan Gonzalez, MD

Dr. Ivan Gonzalez is a Pediatric Infectious Diseases expert with the University of Miami Health System's Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and the co-Director of UM's Zika Response Team. He has been instrumental in organizing a multidisciplinary pediatric team to respond to the Zika virus outbreak and its complications in children born to Zika positive mothers at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dr Gonzalez's focus is in research and clinical care to better understand and devise a proactive response to treat patients infected with this virus. Working alongside Zika Response Team co-Director Dr. Christine Curry in the Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Gonzalez has assembled renowned physicians and scientists to form UM's Zika Global Network that is committed to research, discovery, education, and care involving the Zika virus and its impacts. Dr. Gonzalez serves as the principle investigator on the proposed grant titled "**Pediatric Zik-Action: Evaluation of Zika End Organ Damage: A Team Science Approach.**" His efforts were recognized nationally and he was invited as a speaker for the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Annual Meeting that occurred in November 2016. Dr. Gonzalez was joined by the President of the ASTMH and CDC laboratory directors to discuss strategies in handling Zika virus infections in the U.S. In addition, Dr. Gonzalez was invited by the CDC to participate in the Forum on the Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Management of Zika Virus Infection Among Infants. He was also selected by the CDC for a feature in the series entitled "CDC' Response to Zika, Features from the Frontline".