

Curriculum Vitae

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After finishing his training as a pediatric neurologist in Argentina under Dr. Natalio Fejerman, Dr. Roberto Caraballo perfected his skills in epilepsy at the Department of Neuropsychiatry at the University of Verona under Prof. Bernardo Dalla Bernardina between 1988 and 1989. He has developed several ongoing studies with Prof Dalla Bernardina since that moment. He also visited other epilepsy centers, such as the seizure unit of Miami Children hospital under Dr. Michael Duchowny where he studied refractory epilepsies and epilepsy surgery in 1993 and Ghent University Hospital in Belgium under Prof. Paul Boon working on refractory epilepsy in 2007.

Dr. Caraballo has set up a clinic for refractory epilepsy at the Garrahan Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a tertiary national and Latin-American referral center. He has trained young epileptologists encouraging them not only in their clinical work, but also in the development of scientific research. Special attention is given to the training of neurologists from more remote places in Argentina as well as other Latin-American countries, where specialized centers are lacking. Dr. Caraballo is a member of the faculty of the Summer Schools of epilepsy in Venice and Sao Paulo. Recently, he has got a university degree in education, with the aim to further develop the training program of young epileptologists in Latin America.

Dr. Caraballo has written extensively about epilepsy and has published around 170 articles in indexed journals on a broad variety of topics, such as benign focal epilepsies in infancy, childhood and adolescence, epileptic encephalopathies, and epilepsy management. He has also written around 55 book chapters on epilepsy.

Together with Dr. Fejerman, Dr. Caraballo has written the book "Benign idiopathic focal epilepsies in infancy, childhood and adolescence". For Spanish-speaking colleagues they wrote "Tratamiento de las Epilepsias" and for the general public "Vivir con epilepsia". Together with Dr. Cersósimo, Dr. Caraballo has written the "Atlas de Electroencefalografía en la Epilepsia". He is a member of the Editorial Board of Epilepsia and reviewer for several other international journals on epilepsy.

Dr. Caraballo has lectured extensively at national and international congresses and symposia. He teaches pediatric neurology at the University of Buenos Aires and is involved in educational activities with Prof. Dalla Bernardina, Verona University (Italy), Prof. Pierangelo Veggiotti, Pavia University (Italy), Dr. Giuseppe Capovilla, Carlo Poma Hospital, Mantova (Italy), Prof. Dr. Raffaele Falsaperla, Catania University (Italy), and Dr. Palmieri, Universidad Católica of Porto Alegre (Brasil). In 2013, he became invited professor in pediatric neurology at the Universidad de Chile. He has collaborated in several international trials on antiepileptic drugs and treatments.

At a national level, Dr. Caraballo has collaborated to develop a law on epilepsy for Argentina and he is currently coordinating the Strategy and Plan of Action on Epilepsy in Argentina within the framework of the PAHO.

In 1999, Dr. Caraballo was a consultant on epilepsy for the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and between 2000 and 2001, for the International Program "Epilepsy out of the Shadows" of the PAHO. He was a key member of the Commission on Pediatrics of the International League Against Epilepsy between 2001 and 2005 and of the Commissions on Autism and Epilepsy, and Neurophysiology of the ILAE between 2009 and 2013. Currently he is again key member of the Commission on Pediatrics of the ILAE. Between 2005 and 2007, Dr. Caraballo was the president of the Argentine League Against Epilepsy (LACE). In this position he organized several national meetings and congresses on epilepsy both for specialists and clinicians and for the general public. For the LACE he has developed educational material on epilepsy for patients, their families, and the general public. Between 2011 and 2013, Dr. Caraballo was president of the LACE for a second term. In 2015, the ILAE granted Dr. Caraballo the Ambassador Award. Currently, he is president of Argentine Society of Child Neurology, the treasurer of the Latin-American chapter, and a member of the Executive Committee of the International Child Neurology Association (ICNA).