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Professor, Pathology  
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## Education

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### *Graduate Education*

PhD, Microbiology/Immunology  
Graduate School of Arts and Science  
George Washington University  
Washington, DC  
1994

MS, Clinical Biochemistry  
School of General Chemistry  
National University of Cordoba  
Cordoba, Argentina  
1985

## Virginia Commonwealth University and Medical Center Appointments

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Chair, Division Molecular Diagnostics  
Professor of Pathology  
Director Molecular Diagnostics Lab

## Virginia Commonwealth University Service

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2018-2019 VCU Genomics and Bioinformatics Task Force

2014-2015 VCU Faculty Senate Committee

2011-2015 VCU Promotion and Tenure Policy Review Committee

2010-2014 VCU School of Medicine, Faculty Grievance Committee, alternate

2009-present Department of Pathology, Executive Committee

2004-present Department of Pathology, Pathology Improvement Committee

2000-2015 VCU Internal Review Board

## Professional Service

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2015-present Professional Relations Committee, Chair. Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)

2015-2020 Economic Affairs Committee Member. Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)

2019-2024 Virginia Genomics Advisory Committee. Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

2004-present Molecular and Clinical Genetics Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA

2014-present Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee. US Department of Veterans Administration (VA).

2009-2018 Molecular Biology Education Committee. International Federation of Clinical Chemistry

2015-2017 Board of Directors. Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)

2015-2017 Executive Committee. Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)

2015-2017 Secretary Treasurer. Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)

2001-2015 Professional Relations Committee, Chair. Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)

2007-2010 Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society Genetic Testing Oversight Task Force. Chair, Advisory Committee to Secretary of HHS

2006-2009 Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society. Member, advisory committee to Secretary of HHS

2006-2009 Personalized Healthcare Workgroup. Member, advisory committee to Secretary of HHS

2007 President. Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)

2005-2008 Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC). Member advisory committee to Secretary of HHS

2005-2006 Annual Meeting Organizing Committee 2006, American Association for Clinical Chemistry

2004-2005 Molecular Pathology Division, Treasurer. American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC)

2002- 2005 Molecular and Clinical Genetics Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA.  
Consultant

2002-2005 Subcommittee in Sequencing Methods (MM-9). National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS)

## Editorial Advisory Boards

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Journal Molecular Diagnostics. Timothy O'Leary Ed in Chief, 2007-2016

Journal Clinical Laboratory Analysis. R. McPherson, Ed in Chief, 1998-present

## Recent Invited Presentations

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Real World Applications in Solid Tumor, Genetics, Infectious Disease, and Hematopathology disciplines. Association for Molecular Pathology Global Congress, Hong Kong May 2019.

The molecular tumor board as an imperative for integrating blood-based cancer testing into clinical decision making. EuroMedLab Barcelona, Spain 2019.

Quality Control in the era of Next Generation Sequencing. Annual meeting American Association of Clinical Chemistry. Anaheim, CA, US. August 2019.

Precision Medicine: yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Annual meeting Brazilian Association of Laboratory Medicine. September 2019, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing and its clinical implications. The Best of American Association of Clinical Chemistry in the Middle East. Dubai, United Emirates. October 2019.

Precision Medicine in clinical practice. The Best of American Association of Clinical Chemistry in the Middle East. Dubai, United Emirates. October 2019.

Molecular Diagnostics- Advanced Workshop on Principles and Practices MDx. International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, January 31-February 10, 2020.

Molecular Point of Care Testing in Developing Countries. 110th Annual meeting USCAP. Los Angeles, CA. February 28-March 4, 2020.

Molecular Diagnostics- Workshop on Principles and Practices MDx. International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC). La Paz, Bolivia, March 1-9, 2020.

The Roadmap to Recognition of Molecular Professionals as Qualified Healthcare Professionals. Annual meeting Association for Molecular Pathology. November 2020

Quality Control in the era of Next Generation Sequencing. Annual meeting American Association of Clinical Chemistry. Online meeting, US. December

2020.

Applications of Cell free DNA in clinical practice. Annual meeting American Association of Clinical Chemistry. Atlanta, GA July 2021.

Solid Tumor Summit- Comprehensive genomic profiling or targeted NGS panels. Web summit, June 29th, 2021

Exome sequencing in Rare Genetic Disease. Qiagen webinar on demand- March, 2021.

Molecular Diagnostics- Advanced Workshop on Principles and Practices MDx. International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, January 31-February 10, 2020.

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Precision Medicine in clinical practice. The Best of American Association of Clinical Chemistry in the Middle East. Dubai, United Emirates. October 2019.

The State of Genomics Guided Clinical Decision Support, PMWC 2018, January 22-25, 2018, San Francisco CA

Molecular Diagnostics- Workshop on Principles and Practices MDx. International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC), Martin, Slovakia, February 18-25, 2018

Next Generation Sequencing in Clinical Practice. The Best of AACC in the Middle East. Abu Dhabi, United Emirates. March 22-24, 2018

Next Generation Sequencing in Clinical Oncology. The Best of AACC in the Middle East. Abu Dhabi, United Emirates. March 22-24, 2018

Precision Medicine and Molecular Tumor Boards. Annual meeting German Society Clinical Pathology. Mannheim, Germany. May 14-16, 2018

Quality Control in the era of Next Generation Sequencing. Annual meeting American Association of Clinical Chemistry. Chicago, US. August 2018.

## Selected Publications

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Zhou L, Zhang Y, Meads MB, Dai Y, Ning Y, Hu X, Li L, Sharma K, Nkwocha J, Parker R, Bui D, McCarter J, Kramer L, Purcell C, Sudalagunta PR, Canevarolo RR, Coelho Siqueira Silva MD, De Avila G, Alugubelli RR, Silva AS, Kmeiciak M, **Ferreira-Gonzalez A**, Shain KH, Grant S. IAP and HDAC inhibitors interact synergistically in myeloma cells through noncanonical NF- $\kappa$ B- and caspase-8-dependent mechanisms. *Blood Adv.* 2021 Oct 12;5(19):3776-3788.

Finlay-Schultz J, Jacobsen BM, Riley D, Paul KV, Turner S, **Ferreira-Gonzalez A**, Harrell JC, Kabos P, Sartorius. New generation breast cancer cell lines developed from patient-derived xenografts. *CA.Breast Cancer Res.* 2020 Jun 23;22(1):68. doi: 10.1186/s13058-020-01300-y.PMID: 32576280.

**Ferreira-Gonzalez, A.** Plasma PIK3CA mutation testing in advanced breast cancer patients for personalized medicine: A value proposition. *J Applied Lab Medicine.* 2020, 5(5): 1076-1089.

Gupta G, Yakubu I, Bhati C, Zhang Y, Kang L, Patterson AJ, **Ferreira-Gonzalez A**, Kumar D, Moinuddin I, Kamal L, King A, Levy M, Sharma A, Cotterell A, Reichman T, Khan A, Kimball P, Stiltner DR, Baldecchi N, Brigle N, Gehr T,

Sterling RK. Ultra-short Duration Direct Acting Anti-Viral Prophylaxis to Prevent Virus Transmission from Hepatitis C Viremic Donors to Hepatitis C Negative Kidney Transplant Recipients. *Am J Transplant*. 2020 Mar;20(3):739-751.

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Lynch syndrome-associated ultra-hypermuted pediatric glioblastoma mimicking a constitutional mismatch repair deficiency syndrome. Yang C, Austin F, Richard H, Idowu M, Williamson V, Sabato F, **Ferreira-Gonzalez A**, Turner SA. *Cold Spring Harb Mol Case Stud*. 2019 Oct 23;5(5). pii: a003863. doi: 10.1101/mcs.a003863. Print 2019 Oct.

**Ferreira-Gonzalez A**, Mardis ER. Precision oncogenomics. *Cold Spring Harb Mol Case Stud*. 2019 Apr 1;5(2). pii: a004150. doi: 10.1101/mcs. a004150.

Yan C, Turner SA, **Ferreira-Gonzalez A**. Lynch syndrome-associated ultra-hypermuted pediatric glioblastoma mimicking a constitutional mismatch repair deficiency syndrome. *Cold Spring Harb Mol Case Stud*. 2019 Oct 23;5(5). pii: a003863. doi: 10.1101/mcs. a003863. Print 2019 Oct. PMID:31604779.

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Yan C, Turner SA, **Ferreira-Gonzalez A**. Lynch syndrome-associated ultra-hypermuted pediatric glioblastoma mimicking a constitutional mismatch repair deficiency syndrome. *Cold Spring Harb Mol Case Stud*. 2019 Oct 23;5(5).

Co-targeting BCL-2 and PI3K Induces BAX-Dependent Mitochondrial Apoptosis in AML Cells. Rahmani M, Nkwocha J, Hawkins E, Pei X, Parker RE, Kmiecik M, Levenson JD, Sampath D, **Ferreira-Gonzalez A**, Grant S. *Cancer Res*. 2018 Jun 1;78(11):3075-3086.

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**Ferreira-Gonzalez A**, Dai Y, Grant S. A regimen combining the Wee1 inhibitor AZD1775 with HDAC inhibitors targets human acute myeloid leukemia cells harboring various genetic mutations. *Leukemia*. 2015 Apr;29(4):807-18.

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**Ferreira-Gonzalez A**, Emmadi R, Day SP, Klees RF, Leib JR, Lyon E, Nowak JA, Pratt VM, Williams MS, Klein RD. Revisiting oversight and regulation of molecular-based laboratory-developed tests: a position statement of the association for molecular pathology. *J Mol Diagn*. 2014 Jan;16(1):3-6.

Lianidou E, Ahmad-Nejad P, **Ferreira-Gonzalez A**, Izuhara K, Cremonesi L, Schroeder ME, Richter K, Ferrari M, Neumaier M Advancing the education in molecular diagnostics: the IFCC-Initiative "Clinical Molecular Biology Curriculum" (C-CMBC); a ten-year experience. *Clin Chim Acta*. 2014 Sep 25;436:5-8.

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