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Dr. Diego Gonzalez Rivas is a graduate of Santiago de Compostela University and the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Coruña University (MD). He received training in General Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, and lung transplantation at Coruña University Hospital. After completing a year working in Santiago University Hospital joined the faculty at Coruña Hospital and is currently Thoracic Surgeon in Coruña University center and an active member of lung transplantation program (45 cases per year). He was the creator of Minimally invasive thoracic surgery Unit (UCTMI) working at Quiron Hospital, San Rafael and Modelo medical center. He created and now is the director of the Uniportal VATS training program at Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital (biggest thoracic center in the world with 13.341 major pulmonary resections performed only in 2017)

Dr Gonzalez Rivas serves on several editorial boards, he is reviewer of many scientific journals and he is the coordinator of the annual meeting of Spanish society of thoracic surgery (SECT) from 2014-2017. He also collaborate with educational activities of European Society (ESTS), EACTS and International Society of Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery (ISMICS). He is a board European certificated surgeon since 2010 (FECTS) and member of several scientific societies such as the AATS since 2016. He started to perform VATS lobectomies in 2007 after learning the technique at Cedars Sinai with Dr Rob Mckenna. After 100 major resections performed he visited Duke medical center to learn the double port technique with Dr Thomas Damico. Once experience was gained with this technique he evolved to single-port approach.

He was pioneer surgeon in the world performing uniportal VATS anatomic resections (first case in June 2010), non-intubated uniportal major pulmonary resections (first case in April 2014) and Unisurgeon Uniportal VATS cases (first case in 2016). He is also expert in uniportal subxiphoid resections and complex uniportal VATS carinal and bronchovascular sleeve reconstructions. He has published more than 100 papers describing these procedures and the results in the most important medical journals and textbooks of thoracic surgery. More information in the website <http://www.diegogonzalezrivas.com> or in <http://www.videothoracoscopy.com>