

## About the Contributors

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Physician. Dr Rodríguez was already an active researcher while still a medical student and participated in three national student scientific fora. He completed the research presented in this issue while a student at the Medical University of Sancti Spíritus, Cuba. In September 2013, he will begin his residency in cardiology. This, not his first publication but his first in an international journal, goes to press one week after he was awarded his MD.



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