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Professor Joaquin Santolaya earned his medical degree in 1980 at University Autonoma of Madrid, Spain. He then served in the military as head of medical services at the Zaragoza Calvary Battalion. He concluded his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Fundacion Jimenez Diaz-University Autonoma of Madrid (UAM) and his Ph.D. in fetal physiology at the University of London and UAM. Dr. Santolaya has completed fellowships in the division of maternal fetal medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School, medical genetics in the Department of Pediatrics at University of Illinois, clinical molecular genetics in the Department of Genetics at Yale University and bioethics at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He holds a degree in Fetal Medicine granted by the Fetal Medicine Foundation in London, United Kingdom and certifications on Obstetrics and Gynecology and Medical Genetics. Dr. Santolaya collaborated 2 years with the Perinatology Research Branch of the NICHD/NIH. In 2009, Dr. Santolaya was part of Harvard Business School’s Brigham and Women’s Hospital Leadership Program.

Dr. Santolaya has received a number of honors and awards, including Best Research of the Year from the Spanish Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics; Outstanding Clinical Award from the Chicago Medical Schools, Outstanding Teacher Awards in Texas and Michigan, Best Presentations from the International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology and has also been commended as a mentor by the Society of Gynecological Investigation. Dr. Santolaya has served as faculty in 9 American universities, currently at the University of Florida. He serves on a number of local, national and international committees and was the Executive Director of the Laura Bush Women’s Health Research Institute from 2002-2004. He is the chair for the Interventional and Intraoperative Ultrasound section of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine.