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Dr Diego González Rivas completed training in Thoracic Surgery and Lung Transplantation at the University Hospital of La Coruña where he worked since 1999 - 2015. He is co-director of UCTMI (Quirón and San Rafael Hospital in Coruña) and UMICS in Portugal (operating regularly in the Lisbon, Algarve and Azores) and Madrid (Ruber International Hospital and Nisa Vithas Pardo Aravaca Hospital). He is a staff surgeon at the Ernst Von Bergmann Hospital in Potsdam (Germany), Bielefeld University Hospital in Bielefeld (Germany), Chest Disease Hospital in Kuwait, Yashoda hospital in Hyderabad (India) and Memorial Oncological Hospital in Bucharest and University Clinic of Republic Srpske in Banja Luka (Bosnia). He is the Director of the Uniportal VATS International Training Program at the Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital, in China, the biggest thoracic center in the world (150 major lung resections per day, 90% by Uniportal VATS). He is also a guest visiting professor in 6 other hospitals in China and the director of several experimental centers (Suzhou and Lanzhou).

Dr Gonzalez Rivas serves on several editorial boards, he is reviewer of many scientific journals. He also collaborates with educational activities EACTS, ESTS, ISMICS, STS and AATS. He is a board European certificated surgeon since 2010 (FECTS) and member of several scientific societies such as the AATS since 2016.

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 technique (first case in 2016). He is also expert in uniportal subxiphoid resections and carinal and bronchovascular sleeve reconstructions. He contributed in the development of the subxiphoid uniportal robotic system performing the first lobectomies and thymectomies in cadaveric lab in 2018. Pioneer surgeon in the world performing fully robotic uniportal lobectomies using the Xi Da Vinci System (first cases in September 2021, at San Rafael Hospital, Coruña, Spain). Since 2023 he is global advisor developing a new revolutionary single port robot with Shurui Company, in Shanghai (first lobectomies and segmentectomies in the world performed in December 2023 and first sleeve cases in April 2024). He has published more than 150 papers describing these procedures and the results in the most important medical journals and textbooks of thoracic surgery.

In 2023 he created his own foundation to operate patients in undeveloped countries especially in Africa with a surgical mobile unit. The first ever minimally invasive surgeries in a mobile unit were successfully performed in Accra, GHANA, in August 2024. (<https://fundaciondiegogonzalezrivas.com/en/home/>)

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