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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 HM 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). Up to March 2018 he trained more than 500 surgeons coming from 72 countries in this uniportal program in Shanghai.

Dr Gonzalez Rivas serves on several editorial boards, he is reviewer of many scientific journals and he was the coordinator of the annual meeting of Spanish society of thoracic surgery (SECT) from 2014-2017. He also collaborate with educational activities of European association of cardiothoracic surgery (EACTS), European Society of thoracic surgery (ESTS), International Society of Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery (ISMICS), Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) and American Association of Thoracic Surgery (AATS). 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 in 2008 to learn the double port technique with Dr Thomas Damico. Once experience was gained with this technique he evolved to single-port approach in 2009.

He was pioneer surgeon in the world performing uniportal VATS anatomic resections (first case in January 2009 starting with 2 incisions but using only the utility incision and first pure uniportal VATS reported 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 pioneer in 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. In addition he was the only surgeon receiving the Top doctors award during 3 consecutive years and the youngest doctor nominated to the prestigious "Princess of Asturias award" in 2018 where he was finalist. More information in the website www.diegogonzalezrivas.com or in www.videothoracoscopy.com

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