

Carlos Jose Rodriguez-Reyes, MD, MPH, FACC, FAHA



Dr. Rodriguez-Reyes was born in the Dominican Republic and raised in Manhattan's Washington Heights neighborhood of New York, NY. A dean's list student, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and subsequently obtained his MD and MPH degrees concurrently from Columbia University in New York, NY. Dr. Rodriguez-Reyes then completed a 3-year internal medicine residency at Columbia University Medical Center followed by a 4-year fellowship in cardiovascular diseases and advanced echocardiography at Columbia University.

Dr. Rodriguez-Reyes joined Wake Forest University as Associate Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology in 2011, and he is currently the principal investigator of the Echocardiographic Study of Latinos/Hispanics (ECHO-SOL)—a national multicenter study of cardiac structure and function in Latinos across the United States that is funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. His research grant application was awarded a perfect score from the National Institutes of Health, a very rare accomplishment.

Prior to joining the faculty at Wake Forest University, Dr. Rodriguez-Reyes was a member of the faculty at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and held a joint appointment at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology. He was the first person of Dominican descent from the surrounding community of Washington Heights to become a full-time faculty member on staff in the Division of Cardiology at Columbia University Medical Center.

Dr. Rodriguez-Reyes' research focuses on cardiovascular health disparities, minority cardiovascular health, hypertensive heart disease, and heart failure. During his tenure at Columbia University, his research was published in a variety of medical journals, including *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, *American Journal of Cardiology*, *American Journal of Medicine*, *Hypertension*, and *Stroke*.

Dr. Rodriguez-Reyes has received an American Heart Association Clinically Applied Research Grant as well as the Association of Black Cardiologists' Hawthorne-Searle Young Investigator Award. Moreover, he is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar and recipient of the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Award.

Dr. Rodriguez-Reyes is active in various organizations, including holding memberships in the American Heart Association and American Society of Echocardiography and a fellowship in the American College of Cardiology. In addition to his many other roles and accomplishments, he remains a board-certified cardiologist, seeing patients and performing cardiovascular procedures at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC.