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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 (40 cases per year). He is the creator of Minimally invasive thoracic surgery Unit (UCTMI) working at Quiron Hospital, San Rafael and Modelo medical center. Actually he works in these 4 medical hospitals at Coruña city and in Shanghai Pulmonary hospital, in Shanghai (China). He is the director of the uniportal VATS training program at Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital (biggest thoracic center in the world).

Dr Gonzalez Rivas serves on several editorial boards and is reviewer of many scientific journals. He is the Associate Editor of *Journal of Visualized Surgery*, initiating the featured column "Teaching Uniportal VATS worldwide". He is also the Editor of the book *Uniportal Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery* and *Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery* and Associate Editor of *Tubeless Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery*.

He is the organizer of the annual meeting of Spanish society of thoracic surgery (SECT) from 2014-2017. He also collaborates with educational activities of European Society (ESTS) and International Society of Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery (ISMICS). He is a board European certificated surgeon since 2010 (FECTS). He started to perform VATS lobectomies in 2007 after learning the technique at Cedars Sinai. After 100 major resections performed he visited Duke medical center to learn the double port technique with Dr. Thomas D'Amico. Once experience was gained with this technique he evolved to single-port approach.

He was pioneer surgeon in the world performing uniportal VATS lobectomies (first case in June 2010) and non-intubated uniportal major pulmonary resections (first case in April 2014). He has published several papers describing these procedures and the results in the most important medical journals and textbooks of thoracic surgery. More information about the technique in www.videothoracoscopy.com.