



**19<sup>th</sup> CUBAN CONGRESS ON UROLOGY  
12<sup>th</sup> CENTRAL-AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CONGRESS ON UROLOGY  
PRE-CONGRESS COURSE**

**TITLE: Pediatric laparoscopic and genito-urologic surgery**

**VENUE:** Auditorium of the “William Soler” University Pediatric Hospital

**DATE:** Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**TIME:** 8:30 am

**BASIS:** Laparoscopic surgery is a method that gains more followers every day. Therefore, it is necessary to include this new technique in the urologist’s training. After 40 years of introducing laparoscopic surgery in uropediatric services worldwide, and even after proving its several advantages- as compared to open surgery-, the use of laparoscopic surgery in Cuba is still insufficient. This course is meant to bring this topic up to date and to look deeper into the most important aspects related to it.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To update and look deeper into the knowledge of the new tendencies of these uropediatric techniques worldwide
- To observe some of the surgeries that use these techniques
- To exchange experiences with surgeon professors of these techniques
- To encourage the interest of Cuban uropediatricians in these surgical techniques

## **PROFESSORS:**

**Dr. Octavio Castillo** (Chile): Chief of the Urology Unit and Head of the Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery Department of Indisa Clinic; Part-time Urology Professor at the University of Chile's Medicine School; Head of the American Confederation of Urology (ACU).

**Dr. Steven G. Dócimo** (USA): Urology Professor and Head of Pediatric Urology at the University of Pittsburgh's Medicine School; Head of Urology at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.

**Dr. Itsel Vela Caravia** (Cuba): Pediatric Urologist of the "William Soler" University Pediatric Hospital; First and Second Grade Urology Specialist; Masters Degree, Applicant for the title of Doctor of Medical Sciences; Assistant Professor of Pediatric Urology at the Higher Institute of Medical Sciences of Havana; Qualified in Children and Youth Gynecology.

**Dr. Marlene Guerra Rodríguez** (Cuba): Pediatric Urologists at the "William Soler" University Pediatric Hospital; First Grade Urology Specialist; Instructor Professor of Urology; Coursing a Master of Comprehensive Child Care; Qualified in Children and Youth Gynecology.

**Dr. Tania González León** (Cuba): Chief of the Urology Service of the National Center of Minimally Invasive Surgery; First and Second Grade Urology Specialist; Assistant Professor of Urology at the Higher Institute of Medical Sciences of Havana; Assistant Researcher.

**Dr. Miguel González Sabín** (Cuba): Pediatric Surgeon at the "William Soler" University Pediatric Hospital; First and Second Grade Specialist in Pediatric Surgery; Assistant Pediatrics Professor at the Higher Institute of Medical Sciences of Havana; Coursing a Master of Comprehensive Child Care; Member of the National Group and Member of the Executive Committee of the Cuban Societies of Pediatric Surgery and the Cuban Society of Endoscopic and Minimally Invasive Surgeries.

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**Organizing Committee:**

- Dr. Marlene Guerra Rodríguez (Cuba)
- Dr. María del Carmen Prada (Cuba)
- Dr. Usbail Santana (Cuba)

**Professors:**

- Dr. Octavio Castillo (Chile)
- Dr. Steven G. Dócimo (USA) Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
- Dr. Itsel Vela Caravia (Cuba)
- Dr. Marlene Guerra Rodríguez (Cuba)
- Dr. Tania González León (Cuba)
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**MONDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

**MORNING SESSION**

<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>ACTIVITY</u></b>
8:00– 8:30am	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>
8:30-9:00am	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
9:00-9-30am	<b>Masterly Conference</b> <b>Topic:</b> Pediatric laparoscopic urological procedures <b>Professor:</b> Dr. Steven G. Dócimo (USA)
9:30-9:40am	<b>Break</b>
9:40-12:00m	<b>Live surgery broadcasted by closed-circuit</b> Laparoscopic pyeloplasty and nephrectomy in the child <b>Main surgeon:</b> Dr. Octavio Castillo (Chile) <b>Assistants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Dr. Itsel Vela Caravia (Cuba)</li><li>– Dr. Marlene Guerra Rodríguez (Cuba)</li></ul>
12:00-12:30pm	<b>Lunch</b>

### AFTERNOON SESSION

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
12:00-12:30pm	<b>Showing of videos related to uropediatric robotic surgery</b> (optional)
12:30-1:30pm	<b>Round Table:</b> Latest tendencies in laparoscopic uropediatric surgery <b>Moderator:</b> – Dr. Tania González León (Cuba) <b>Participants:</b> – Dr. Steven G. Dócimo (USA) – Dr. Octavio Castillo (Chile) – Dr. Itsel Vela Caravia (Cuba) – Dr. Marlene Guerra Rodríguez (Cuba) – Dr. Miguel González Sabín (Cuba)
1:30-2:00pm	<b>Masterly Conference</b> <b>Topic:</b> Advices for uropediatric laparoscopic surgeons <b>Professor:</b> Dr. Octavio Castillo (Chile)
2:00-2:20pm	Exchange of experiences with the professors
2:20-2:30pm	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>