



MEET DR. ALEJANDRA GONZALEZ-DUARTE, CO-DIRECTOR, NYU DYSAUTONOMIA CENTER

My FD Story:

After studying medicine in my native Mexico, in 2009 I was fortunate to land a fellowship in Autonomic Disorders at NYU, working under both Drs. Horacio Kaufmann and Felicia Axelrod. I truly learned from the best! With this excellent learning experience under my belt, I secured a position as Researcher Investigator at the Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán where I created a laboratory for treating dysautonomia. I remained connected with FD, and oversaw care for the small number of people diagnosed with FD who live in Mexico. In 2021 when Dr. Kaufmann invited me back to the Dysautonomia Center, I jumped at the opportunity to be a part of this world-class team. Now as Co-Director of the Center, I supervise daily all the medical necessities of the patients with FD. I am especially enjoying re-connecting with patients and families I met during my fellowship and meeting others for the first time. I am very optimistic that we can continue to make great strides in FD care, ensuring longer and better-quality lives for those impacted. I feel so fortunate to be a part of this very cohesive and caring community.

Dr. Alejandra Gonzalez-Duarte

Your Impact:

Your contribution to the FD Foundation's 2022 Crowdfunding Campaign #FDMATCH22 supports the excellent medical care provided at the Dysautonomia Center. The Foundation's annual grant to the Center funds a highly trained and extremely dedicated team of medical professionals, led by Drs. Horacio Kaufmann and Alejandra Gonzalez Duarte. The team, which also includes excellent nurse practitioners, delivers primary care, conducts annual medical evaluations, responds 24/7 to emergencies, consults with patients' care teams worldwide, and conducts clinical research—all with a goal of enabling people with FD to live their best and longest lives.