

About the Contributors



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Physician with dual specialties in family medicine and neurosurgery. Dr Caballero-García is an assistant professor at the National Oncology and Radiobiology Institute, Havana. His professional interests concentrate on brain metastases, with research projects currently under way in three areas: neuro-oncology, stereotaxic and radiosurgery, and minimally invasive surgery for complex tumors of the skull base. His publications include a neurosurgery text and research articles in Cuban and international journals. Dr Caballero-García was awarded the 2014 Cuban Academy of Sciences Prize and the 2017 Dr Carlos Manuel Ramírez Corría Prize for best neurosurgeon under 35.



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