



## **Fernando Valenzuela**

Dr. Fernando Valenzuela is associate professor of dermatology and head of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Chile. He is in charge of hospitalized patients with skin conditions in Hospital Clínico University of Chile and teaches medical students and residents about psoriasis and other papulosquamous disorders. He is medical director at the Centro Internacional de Estudios Clínicos (CIEC), which he founded.

He has a special interest in immunodermatology, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, and autoimmune blistering diseases. He is very active in congresses and clinical trials, working as an investigator in areas such as: psoriasis (adolescents and adults), psoriatic arthritis, chronic spontaneous urticaria, genital warts, atopic dermatitis, and alopecia areata.

Dr. Valenzuela is an Associate of the IEC, a councilor of the International Psoriasis Council, an international fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, an international member of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, and a member of Colegio Ibero-Latinoamericano de Dermatología (CILAD; Latin American College of Dermatology). He has published more than 30 international papers, a students' book in dermatology, four chapters in national books, and is the lead author of the Chilean clinical guidelines for the management of psoriasis. He was the RADLA president in 2022.

Dr. Valenzuela studied medicine at the University of Chile where he was named best student of the generation. He achieved honorary residency in dermatology in 2006. During his residency, he went to Canada and spent time under Dr. Kim Papp who specializes in psoriasis and clinical trials. He then made stays at the Germans Trias i Pujol University Hospital in Spain and the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin hospital in Germany.