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Dr. Nicolás G. Bazán

Neuroscientist

As director of the Louisiana State University Neuroscience Center, Dr. Nicolás G. Bazán directs research to identify critical events in strokes, epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease.

As a start-up businessman, the Argentinean-born neuroscientist hopes soon to get FDA approval on a powerful painkiller he has developed. Human testing on the non-addictive, non-toxic drug begins this year, and Bazán hopes it will be commercially available in three years.

Wearing two hats is easy for Bazán, who has lived with his family in New Orleans for more than 20 years. In both roles he can achieve what he calls his single most important goal: To develop new medicines to help humankind.