

Dr. Jovanny Zabaleta
Associate Professor

Education

University of Antioquia; Medellin, Colombia, SA	BS	1991	Major in Microbiology
University of Antioquia; Medellin, Colombia, SA	MS	1995	Immunology of human tuberculosis
Louisiana State University, Department of Genetics. New Orleans, LA	PhD	2008	Cancer Genetics



Dr. Zabaleta’s current research focuses on the role of disparities in cancer diagnoses in minority populations, especially breast and colorectal cancers.

He has served as director of the LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center’s Translational Genomics Core (TGC) for more than 10 years and has expanded his expertise in molecular and genomic techniques aiming to identify markers of disease aggressiveness. As a research associate, Dr. Zabaleta worked on cellular and molecular immune response to H. pylori infection and its association with prostate cancer.

As a trainer and mentor, Dr. Zabaleta has worked with more than 30 students at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduated level, many of them from minority backgrounds, and have established long lasting collaborations with US and overseas institutions.

Membership in Professional Organizations:

- 2008 – Present Member, Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium
- 2014 – Present Member, American Gastroenterological Association
- 2010 – Present Member, American Association for Cancer Research
- 2020 - Present Standing Member NIH Cancer, Heart, and Sleep Epidemiology Study Section B
- 01/2023 - Present Member, Scientific Review Committee AACR Immuno-oncology Research Grants
- 02-2023 – Present Member, AACR Breast Cancer Research Grants Scientific Review Committee
- 2023 Full Member, Louisiana Cancer Research Center, New Orleans, LA
- 2022 – Present Member, Colombian National Research Network in Cancer