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Dr. Maria Ana Martinez-Castellanos is a Professor of Pediatric Retina, of the Retina Service at the Association to Prevent Blindness in Mexico APEC, Hospital “Luis Sanchez Bulnes” from the National Autonomous University of Mexico UNAM. She directs a private pediatric retina clinic that is orientated for both surgical and medical diseases of the retina in pediatric population in Toluca, Mexico. Dr. Martinez-Castellanos is a Mexican board certified ophthalmologist whose clinical practice involves the surgical and medical management of adult and pediatric vitreo-retinal disease.

Dr. Martinez-Castellanos received her MD from the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico UAEM in Toluca, Mexico. After completing her Ophthalmology residency at Central Military Hospital from the University of the Mexican Army and Air Force UDEFA, she went on to a Fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery at Association to Prevent Blindness in Mexico APEC, Hospital “Luis Sanchez Bulnes” and UNAM. Dr. Martinez-Castellanos then joined the Retina Service as a Professor of Pediatric Retina, where she works in the Pediatric Retina Unit.

Dr. Martinez-Castellanos’ primary research interests focus on the pathogenesis and management of retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). She works with numerous investigators worldwide to address the growing burden of ROP. Dr. Martinez-Castellanos runs the retinopathy of prematurity prevention program at 5 different hospitals in Mexico City and Toluca, Mexico. She has numerous clinical projects and collaborations studying ROP. She serves as a scientific reviewer to some major journals and has participated as a co-investigator in numerous clinical trials and laboratory investigations. She has presented the findings of her research worldwide and has been an invited speaker at local, national, and international meetings.

She has won numerous academic awards including Biennial Award of Ophthalmology “Arturo Santos” from the Mexican Society of Ophthalmology, Rosenkranz Award from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, Tyson Award from the Pan American Ophthalmology Association and the Honor Award from the American Society of Retina Specialists.