Darwin Del Castillo, MD MPH

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- Languages: English (proficient), Spanish (native)
- Programming languages: R, Python, SQL (MySQL), bash
- Other: Linux/Unix, HPC (Slurm), LATEX, Markdown, VSCode, Jupyter Notebooks, Quarto, Docker, Git, Shiny (R)



EDUCATION

Master in Public Health (MPH) University of Washington, Seattle - USA $\mathbf{Sep}\ \mathbf{2023}-\mathbf{May}\ \mathbf{2025}$

Medical Doctor (MD)

Mar 2013 - Dec 2020

Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima - Peru

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation University of Washington, Seattle (USA)

Jul 2024 - Current

- Conducted a comprehensive meta-analysis of lower respiratory tract infection rates across 80 countries using the R meta package, then applied Bayesian regressions to model epidemiological measures
- Developed and executed Bayesian MCMC workflows to quantify overlap among homeless populations, substance users, and incarcerated individuals across 22 high-income countries, producing real-world evidence for targeted health burden stratification.
- Updated version-controlled scripts to automate data quality checks of EHR datasets from Ecuador and Colombia.

Graduate Research Assistant

Jun 2024 - Mar 2025

Department of Global Health

University of Washington, Seattle (USA)

- Synthesized clinical and research evidence into actionable insights and reports to support evidence-based policy and program decisions regarding mental health.
- Analyzed pediatric clinical and outcome data to evaluate effectiveness of burn injury interventions and guide improvements in care protocols.
- Engaged with Ministry of Health officials and hospital stakeholders to align pediatric burn care strategies with national healthcare priorities.

Graduate Research Assistant

Sep 2023 - Mar 2024

Health Population Research Center

University of Washington, Seattle (USA)

- Implemented standardized remote data-collection workflows to capture patient-reported outcomes.
- Managed full lifecycle of IRB submissions—including translation and localization of Spanish-language documents—for the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Synthesized early engagement and outreach data into interactive dashboards and concise summary reports, enabling program managers to make timely adjustments to recruitment strategies.

RWE Consultant Jan 2023 - Jan 2024

Health Technology Assessment and Research Institute Social Security Health System, Lima (Peru)

- Structured and consolidated multi-source health data (surveillance, clinical studies) to provide comprehensive insights into healthcare outcomes.
- Conducted budget impact and cost-effectiveness assessments to prioritize funding for high-impact health interventions under national budgets.
- Presented data-driven recommendations and evidence summaries to policymakers and partners, supporting strategic purchasing decisions.

Research Assistant Mar 2019 - Aug 2023

CRONICAS Center of Excellence in Chronic Diseases Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima (Peru)

- Led stakeholder workshops and focus groups across four regions to co-design patient-centered interventions, translating qualitative insights into quantifiable outcome metrics.
- Conducted real-world evidence synthesis and preliminary data analyses to support grant proposals for hypertension, diabetes, and multimorbidity studies, informing funding decisions.
- Co-authored peer-reviewed manuscripts and technical reports, communicating complex analytical findings in clear, executive-ready summaries for academic and policy audiences.

Professional Certificate in Clinical Research Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima - Peru Sep 2021 - Apr 2022

PUBLICATIONS

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Peer-reviewed publications

- Bazo-Alvarez, J.C., Del Castillo, D., Piza, L., Bernabe-Ortiz, A., Carrillo-Larco, R.M., Smeeth, L., Gilman, R.H., Checkley, W., Miranda, J.J. (2024) "Multimorbidity patterns, sociodemographic characteristics, and mortality: Data science insights from low-resource settings" Am J Epidemiol. kwae466: Online ahead of print. Available at: 10.1093/aje/kwae466
- Vidyasagaran, AL., Ayesha, R., Boehnke, JR., [...], Del Castillo Fernández, D., [...], Zavala, GA., Zhao, YW., Siddiqi, N. (2024) "Core outcome sets for trials of interventions to prevent and to treat multimorbidity in adults in low and middle-income countries: the COSMOS study" BMJ Glob Health. 9(8):e015120. Available at: 10.1136/bmjgh-2024-015120
- 3. Lapidaire, W., Proaño, A., Blumenberg, C., Loret de Mola, C., Delgado, CA., **Del Castillo, D.**, Wehrmeister, FC., Gonçalves, H., Gilman, RH., Oberhelman, RA., Lewandowski, AJ., Wells, JCK., Miranda, JJ. (2023) "Effect of preterm birth on growth and blood pressure in adulthood in the Pelotas 1993 cohort" **Int J Epidemiol.** 25;52(6):1870-1877. Available at: 10.1093/ije/dyad084
- 4. Del Castillo-Fernández, D., Brañez-Condorena, A., Villacorta-Landeo, P., Saavedra-García, L., Bernabé-Ortiz, A., Miranda, JJ. (2021) "[Advances in the investigation of chronic non-communicable diseases in Peru] (in Spanish)" <u>An Fac med.</u> 81(4): 444-452. Available at: 10.15381/anales.v81i4.18798

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dec 2024 - current

Lecturer: Introduction to Epidemiology. Universidad Científica del Sur. I'm teaching fourth-year medical students basic concepts of clinical epidemiology with focus in basic study designs and identification of bias.

MEMBERSHIPS

- International Epidemiological Association (2020 Current)
- Peruvian College of Physicians (2021 Current)
- Consortium of Universities for Global Health (2023 Current)
- America's Network for Chronic Disease Surveillance (2025 Current)