

Biography

Fernanda Martin Merlez

My name is Fernanda Martin Merlez, I am 30 years old and currently a third-year resident in the clinical genetics specialty at Hospital Clínico Universidad de Chile in Santiago, Chile. Last year I enrolled in the young researcher's group at G2MC. Before starting my studies in genetics, I worked as a general physician through a ministerial program in Chile that seeks to meet the health needs of the population throughout the country, especially in vulnerable sectors.

Within my training, my tutors have constantly encouraged me to participate in research instances, an activity that I have been able to develop through different projects with my specialty classmates and teachers. My main interests within genetics are the area of oncogenetics, still underdeveloped in Chile, and maternal-fetal medicine. On the other hand, the diagnosis of rare diseases is something transversal to our clinical practice and I recently participated in the creation of a national plan for rare diseases that aims to position these as a health priority in this decade. Once I finish my training, I hope to work in the country and help promote the development of genetics, especially in public health and carry out teaching activities.