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Dr. Mercedes Hurtado Sarrió is Chief of Ophthalmology at La Fe University Hospital in Valencia, a position she has held since 2012, and serves as Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Valencia. She is President of the Official College of Physicians of Valencia, elected three times since 2014, and an Academician of the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Valencian Community (RAMCV). She has served as a member of the Transplant Committee, the Multidisciplinary Graft-versus-Host Disease Group, and the National Ophthalmology Specialty Commission, and is a Board Member of the Spanish Glaucoma Society.

Dr. Hurtado Sarrió received her medical degree from the University of Valencia and completed her Ophthalmology residency at La Fe University Hospital. Her career includes clinical appointments at hospitals in Tarragona, Elda, Alzira, and Valencia, and she has served as Coordinator of Ophthalmology at the Hospital de La Ribera, where she established the ophthalmology service. She has practiced at La Fe University Hospital since 2002, where she ranked first in the national transfer competition.

She holds multiple master's degrees in Health Management, Bioethics, and Ophthalmology and has served as a referee—and six-time “Elite Evaluator”—for the journal of the Spanish Society of Ophthalmology. She is a Fellow of the European Board of Ophthalmology and served as an EBO Examiner from 2009 to 2019. She has participated in international surgical aid programs and collaborates with the Innovative Health Management Chair of the Economía y Salud Foundation, leading the Human Capital—Professionals and Patients area.

Dr. Hurtado Sarrió's research includes 13 projects at the La Fe Health Research Institute, five of which she led as principal investigator. Her doctoral thesis examined corneal videokeratography, and she is widely recognized for pioneering work using Tachosil for corneal perforations and caspofungin drops for refractory fungal keratitis, with influential publications in the *British Journal of Ophthalmology* and *Archives of Ophthalmology*. Surgically, she introduced and pioneered the SIGS technique for glaucoma surgery in Spain.





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She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Dr. Juan Pallarés Award, the Sanitarias Award, the Gigante del Espíritu Award, recognition by Les Corts Valencianes on International Women’s Day, the Carmen Piera Award for innovation in ophthalmology, and the Healthcare Award from *El Periódico de Aquí*. She has served on the Jury of the prestigious Rei Jaume I Awards since 2014.

