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Dr. Diego Garza is a medical doctor with a master's in public health working in the medical field since 2014. His real passion is the intersection between healthcare and technology; he has been working in the telemedicine field for the past six years and has been able to develop successful programs for different organizations. Dr. Garza got his medical degree from el Tecnológico de Monterrey, the #1 school of medicine in Mexico. After that, he pursued a master's degree in public health at Gilling's School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, ranked #2 in the nation in the field. During his master's degree, he was a CONACYT Scholar, a highly competitive scholarship program hosted by the National Council of Technology and Science in Mexico.



In the telemedicine field, Dr. Garza spearheaded a statewide telemedicine department in Mexico, with over 17 specialties offering services and over 40 doctors working the program, he also acted and continues to serve as one of the primary care providers for the program. After running that program and while pursuing his MPH, he became the Project Director for the NC Diabetic Retinopathy Telemedicine Network, at the Ophthalmology Department at UNC, where he was able to successfully create a program to increase access to screening services for the dialysis population in 4 counties in the state of North Carolina. In early 2017, Dr. Garza started working for Carolina Partners in Mental HealthCare, PLLC., one of the largest private behavioral health companies in the nation. In his initial role as the director of telemedicine, he developed and implemented a telepsychiatry service that now employs over 50 providers and sees more than a 1000 patients per month, placing this program as the largest telemedicine program in the state of North Carolina. Now, he is currently acting as the director of telemedicine and clinical innovation, where he oversees growth strategies for Carolina Partners that are directly related to increasing quality of healthcare services. His work at Carolina Partners granted him the North Carolina Health Care Hero 2018 award, given by the *Triangle Business Journal* to healthcare professionals that are committed to increasing the quality of services offered to the NC population.