

## Curriculum Vitae

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**Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D. FACS**  
11681 S.W. 93 STREET  
MIAMI, FL 33176  
305-216-2963

### Personal Data

D.O.B: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1955  
Birth Place: Ft. Smith, Arkansas  
Citizenship: U.S.A  
Civil Status: MARRIED

### Education

1969-1973      Immaculata-La Salle High School  
Miami, Florida

**Pre-Medical Curriculum**

8/1973-4/1974 Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida

9/1974-12/1974 Miami Dade Community College  
Miami, Florida

1/1975-7/1975 La Salle University  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Prerequisite PROPEDEUTIC Course

**Medical Education**

8/1975-7/1980 La Salle University Mexican Medical School  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Graduated 25<sup>th</sup> in class of 126  
Obtained M.D. July 1980

**Internship**

7/1981-6/1982 Variety Children's Hospital (NICKLAUS  
CHILDREN'S)  
Miami, Florida  
PGY-1 Pediatrics

## **Residencies**

### **General Surgery**

7/1982-6/1986 Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center  
LEVEL III TRAUMA CENTER  
Bronx, New York  
PGY-1 through PGY-4

7/1986-6/1987 PGY-5 Chief Resident General Surgery  
DUTIES INCLUDED- EXPERT WITNESS  
TESTIFYING FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
CRIMINAL CASES (i.e. attempted  
murder,murder,assault,rape).  
BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE

### **Plastic Surgery**

7/1987-6/1990  
University of Texas Medical Branch  
Galveston, Texas  
Three year program with extensive experience in  
microvascular, hand and reconstructive plastic  
surgery

## **Practice Affiliations**

6/02/2012-  
Present Spectrum Aesthetics  
51 S.W. 42 Avenue  
First Floor  
Miami, FL 33134

1-2-2020-  
7-2023 iBody Miami  
1790 S.W. 27 Avenue

Miami , FL 33145  
FACILTIY SOLD.

6/02/2013  
To 6/2017

**Imagenes Cosmetic Surgery Center**  
8364 SW 8th street  
Miami FL 33144

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**Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D.**

6/02/2012  
To 8/2016

**Coral Gables Cosmetics**  
1800 S.W. 27 Avenue  
Third Floor  
Miami, FL 33145

7/11/2011-  
6/02/2013

**Bal Harbour Plastic Surgery Associates**  
Kane Concourse Executive Bldg.  
Bal Harbour, FL

7/7/2009  
To June, 2011

**Strax Rejuvenation Institute**  
Plastic Surgeon Practitioner  
9950 S.W. 107 Avenue  
Suite 100  
Miami, Florida 33176

3/2000-7/6/2009  
Mel T. Ortega, M.D. PA  
9950 S.W. 107 Avenue  
Suite 100  
Miami, Florida 33176

4/1997-3/2000  
Artistic Center for Plastic Surgery  
1110 Brickell Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33131

10-1993-4/1997  
Juvencia Plastic Surgery Center

Coral Gables, Florida. 33134

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**Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D.**

7/1990-9/1993  
Mel T. Ortega, M.D.  
Findlay, Ohio

**Current Hospital Affiliations**

HCA AVENTURA HOSPITAL  
20900 BISCAYNE BLVD.  
AVENTURA, FL 33180  
ACTIVE

LARKIN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
7031 SW 62nd Ave  
South Miami, FL 3314  
ACTIVE 12-13-2023 - PRESENT

**Past Hospital Affiliations**

Coral Gables Hospital  
3100 Douglas Road  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
305-445-8461  
Inactive- Privileges expired

Osceola Regional Medical Center  
700 W Oak Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741  
Inactive- Privileges expired

**Metropolitan Hospital of Miami**  
5959 N.W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33126  
Hospital closed

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**Baptist Hospital of Miami**  
8900 N. Kendall Drive  
Miami, Florida 33176  
Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

**South Miami Hospital**  
7400 S.W. 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33143  
Resigned Voluntarily From Staff  
Staff 12-31-2008

**Jackson South Hospital**  
9333 SW 152 Street  
Miami, Florida 33157  
Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

**Westchester General Hospital**  
2500 SW 75 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33155  
Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

**Larkin Hospital**  
7031 SW 62nd Ave  
South Miami, FL 33143  
Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

## **Past Hospital Affiliations**

### **Mercy Hospital**

3663 South Miami Avenue

Miami, Florida 33133

Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

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### **HealthSouth Doctor's Hospital**

5000 University Drive

Coral Gables, Florida 33146

Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

### **Blanchard Valley Hospital**

145 W. Wallace Street

Findlay, Ohio 458-40

Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

(Moved to Florida).

### **Mercy Hospital of Tiffin**

485 W. Market Street

Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

(Moved to Florida).

### **Parkway Regional Medical Center**

160 N.W. 170 Street

North Miami Beach, Florida 33169

Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

### **Surgical Park(ASC)**

9100 SW 87 Ave

Miami, Florida 33176

Resigned Voluntarily From Staff

## **Medical Societies/Professional Associations**

Fellow American College of Surgeons  
October 1997 (Inactive)

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American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive  
Surgeons  
(Inactive)

American Society of Aesthetics Plastic Surgery  
1997  
(Inactive)

Miami Society of Plastic Surgeons  
(Inactive)

Florida Society of Plastic and Reconstructive  
Surgery  
May 1998  
(Inactive)

Dade County Medical Association  
(Inactive)

Florida Medical Association  
(Inactive)

New York Medical College Surgical Society  
Valhalla, New York  
(Inactive)

## **Licensures/Board Certification**

### **ECFMG Certification**

Cert. # 316-667-5  
Obtained April 1982  
Valid Indefinitely

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### **Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D.**

### **New York State License (inactive)**

License #159179  
Obtained July 1984 (FLEX)

### **Ohio State Medical License(inactive)**

License #60302  
Obtained August 1990

### **Florida State Medical License**

License #ME 0065154  
Obtained October 1993  
Current

## **Board Certifications**

### **American Board of Surgery**

Cert. #33020  
Obtained March 1988  
Expired March 1998

### **Board Certified**

### **American Board of Plastic Surgery**

Cert. #4186  
Obtained November 1992  
Valid indefinitely

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BO 2455423**

**NPI - 1033271259**

### **Articles in Peer Review Journals**

Mel T. Ortega, Robert L. McCauley, and Martin G. Robson case report successful salvage of an avulsed expanded scalp flap for correcting burn alopecia. South Med Journal 83:220 Feb. 1990

J. Brou, R.L. Mc Cauley, E. Evans, I. Alvarado, M.T. Ortega, D.N. Herdon, and M.G. Robson- Inventory of potential reconstructive needs in the burn patient. J. Burn care Rehab 10:555-560 Nov. 1989

### **Abstracts**

J. Brou, R.L. McCauley, E. Evans, I. Alvarado, M.T. Ortega, D.N. Herdon, and M.G. Robson. Inventory of Potencial reconstructive needs in the burn patient Abstract accepted for presentation. Annual Meeting American Burn Association. March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1989-April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1989. New Orleans, Louisiana.

### **Abstracts**

Donor Tissue surveillance for reconstructive priority rating by M.T>. Ortega, M.D., J.A. Brou, M.D., T.P. McHugh, M.D., M.I. Alvarado, O.T.R. Abstract submitted for presentation Annual Meeting ABA, 1990.

## **Presentations**

-Donor Tissue Surveillance for Reconstructive Priority Rating Presented at the Blocker-Lewis Alumni Day Meeting, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1989, University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, Texas.

-Eicosanoids in Tissue Trauma Following Snakebite Presented at the Blocker-Lewis Alumni Day Meeting, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1989.

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### **Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D.**

Long Term Experience of Abdominoplasty Combined with Liposuction Presented at the International Course for Aesthetic Surgery Clinicas Juvencia and The Peruvian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery November 3 and 4 1995 Lima, Per

## **Presentations**

Endoscopic Surgery of the Upper and Mid-Facial Region: A personal experience Presented at The Colonnade Hotel Coral Gables, Florida Sponsored by The Beraja Medical Institute Innovations in Aesthetic Surgery July 14-16-1997

A New Application of Ultrasound in Lipoplasty Presented at The Colonnade Hotel Coral Gables, Florida Sponsored by The Beraja Medical Institute

Innovations in Aesthetic Surgery  
July 14-16-1997

Jackson Memorial Hospital  
Forever-Young Workshop  
Nurse Education Program  
Breast and Bodies for The 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
Miami, Florida

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**Past Projects:**

Harmonic Scalpel Study for Ethicon Endo-Surgery,  
Inc.  
Study: Application of Harmonic Scalpel in  
Abdomioplasty  
To demonstrate reduction of post-operative  
seromas and Provide alternative dissection tool.  
Status: Data Collection in progress.

**Areas of expertise:**

Body Contouring Procedures i.e.

Liposuction including laser assisted, ultrasound assisted and power  
assisted liposuction (Microaire).

Gluteal augmentation with solid silicone prosthesis( approximately  
350 cases).

Autologous Fat Grafting to Buttocks( Since 2000 to present). Case  
numbers in excess of 1000.

Breast surgeries (aesthetic and reconstructive-i.e. implant, mastopexy, reductions, congenital- Poland Syndrome, post mastectomy reconstruction, autologous fat grafting to breasts).

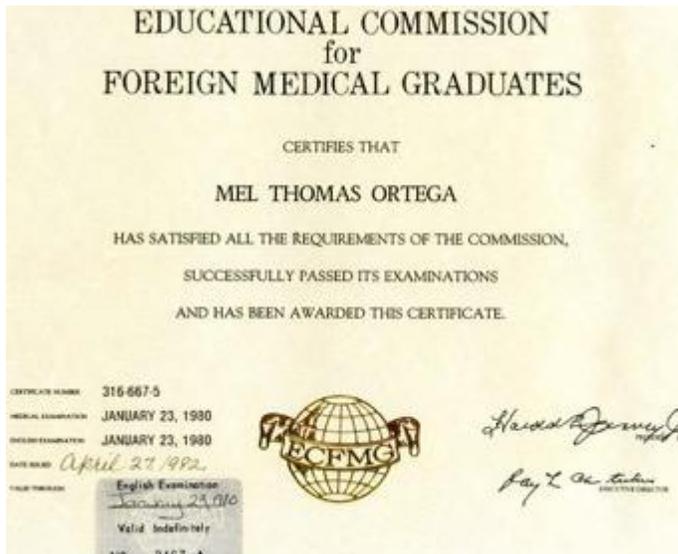
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Abdominoplasties including extended and circumferential (case numbers in excess of 2500)

Upper/Lower body lifts

Brachioplasty

Inner/outer thigh lifts (post bariatric weight loss).





La Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México



otorga a Mel Thomas Ortega Betters el título de Médico Cirujano

en atención a que demostró tener hechos los estudios conforme a los planes autorizados por el Consejo Universitario en la Universidad... el día 14 de mayo de 1962

Signatures and official stamps at the bottom of the diploma.

Variety Children's Hospital Miami, Florida

Accredited by the Liaison Committee on Graduate Medical Education

Dr. St. Austin Chat

Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D. having served satisfactorily in the capacity of Pediatric Resident

Level 1 from July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962 is awarded this certificate.

In witness whereof we have affixed our hands and the seal of the hospital this thirtieth day of June, 1962.

Signatures of hospital officials.



Signature of Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D.

NEW YORK CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION



Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in affiliation with New York Medical College certifies that

Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D.

has satisfactorily performed the duties of Resident in General Surgery (PL-1,2,3,4) from July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1966

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have affixed their signatures this 30th day of June, 1966

Signatures of hospital officials at the bottom of the certificate.

**NEW YORK CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION**



**Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center**  
in affiliation with  
**New York Medical College**  
certifies that

**Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D.**



has satisfactorily performed the duties of  
**Chief Resident in General Surgery (PL-5)**  
from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have affixed  
their signatures this 30th day of June, 1987

*William J. ...* PRESIDENT  
*William J. ...* DEAN  
*William J. ...* CHAIRMAN  
*William J. ...* SECRETARY  
*William J. ...* DIRECTOR

**THE AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY**  
Incorporated

Created in 1937 for the certification of Surgeons  
hereby declares that

**Mel Thomas Ortega**

having satisfied all the requirements and  
successfully passed the examination is properly  
qualified to practice the specialty of Surgery

Attest:

*Arthur J. ...* CHAIRMAN  
*Arthur A. ...* VICE-CHAIRMAN  
*Arthur A. ...* TREASURER

Philadelphia, Pa.

ISSUED February 3, 1988  
VALID UNTIL July 1, 1990  
CERTIFICATE NO 33020

The University of Texas  
Medical Branch

GALVESTON, TEXAS

This is to Certify that

**Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D.**

has completed

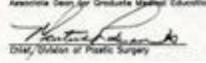
**Residency in Plastic Surgery**

**July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1990**

in the John Sealy and Affiliated Hospitals

Given under our hands at Galveston, Texas this 30th day of June  
1990

  
  
Chairman, Department of Surgery

  
  
Chairman, Division of Plastic Surgery



**The American Board of Plastic Surgery**

hereby certifies that

**Mel Thomas Ortega, M.D.**

having satisfied all the requirements of the Board  
and successfully passed the examinations is certified in

**Plastic Surgery**

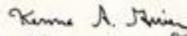
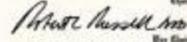
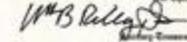
including Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery  
of the face, head and neck, trunk and extremities

Certificate No. 4186

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Valid Until: Indefinitely





**Surgical Society  
of the  
New York Medical College**



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

**Mel Ortega, M. D.**

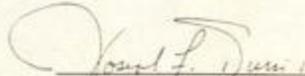
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REQUIREMENTS AND HAVING COMPLIED  
WITH ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS,  
HAS BEEN ELECTED AN

**Active Member**

OF THE SURGICAL SOCIETY  
OF THE NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE

March, 1987

Date

  
Chairman, Board of Directors

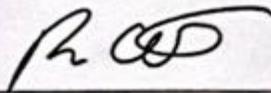
STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

DATE	LICENSE NO.	CONTROL NO.
NOVEMBER 9, 2023	ME 65154	866018

THE MEDICAL DOCTOR  
NAMED BELOW HAS MET ALL REQUIREMENTS OF  
THE LAWS AND RULES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

EXPIRATION DATE: JANUARY 31, 2026

MEL THOMAS ORTEGA  
51 S.W. 42 AVENUE  
1ST FLOOR  
MIAMI, FL - 33134



Ron DeSantis  
GOVERNOR



Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD  
STATE SURGEON GENERAL

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION**  
**WASHINGTON D.C. 20537**

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11-09-2023

ORTEGA, MEL  
SPECTRUM SERVICES  
51 SW 42ND AVE FL 1  
CORAL GABLES, FL 331341770

Sections 304 and 1008 (21 USC 824 and 958) of the  
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## ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR LIFE SUPPORT

**ACLS  
Provider**



American  
Heart  
Association.

**Mel T. Ortega, MD.**

**has successfully completed the cognitive and skills evaluations  
in accordance with the curriculum of the American Heart Association  
Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Program.**

**Issue Date**

11/8/2023

**Training Center Name**

Emergency Educational Training Institute, Inc.

**Training Center ID**

FL04404

**Training Center City, State**

Coral Springs, FL

**Training Center Phone  
Number**

(754) 900-1224

**Training Site Name**

**Renew By**

11/2025

**Instructor Name**

Norma Barros

**Instructor ID**

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**eCard Code**

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# BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

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Provider**



American  
Heart  
Association.

**Mel T. Ortega, MD.**

**has successfully completed the cognitive and skills evaluations  
in accordance with the curriculum of the American Heart Association  
Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) Program.**

**Issue Date**

11/8/2023

**Training Center Name**

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**Training Center ID**

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A T E A C H I N G H O S P I T A L

December 13, 2023

Mel Ortega, MD  
11681 SW 93<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33176

RE: MEDICAL STAFF APPOINTMENT

Dear Dr. Ortega:

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors approved your application for appointment to Larkin Community Hospital on December 12, 2023.

You have been approved for the following:

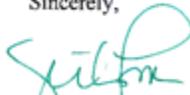
DEPARTMENT:	Surgery
STATUS:	Provisional
SPECIALTY:	Plastic Surgery

The Delineation of Privileges form indicates the privileges you were granted. Your reappointment is scheduled for December 11, 2024.

The Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules and Regulations describe your responsibilities as a member of the medical staff and outlines minimum and maximum criteria levels. Please make every effort to read them.

If you have any questions regarding your appointment or regarding the Hospital, please contact me directly at (305) 284-7655.

Sincerely,



Nicholas D. Torres, DNP, APRN, FNP-C  
Chief Executive Officer