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John Lopez, MD is Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of Cardiac Catheterization and Intervention at the University of Chicago Hospitals. Dr. Lopez has a long standing interest in coronary and peripheral vascular disease, with specific research interests related to novel interventional cardiology approaches to treating these disorders. This includes clinical research interests in novel devices and pharmacologic approaches to interventional procedures, as well as clinical and preclinical studies with angiogenesis and gene therapy for vascular disease, investigational approaches to chronic angina, and clinical research projects related to the use and development of three-dimensional intravascular ultrasound imaging. Dr. Lopez is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a Fellow of the Society of Cardiac Angiography and Intervention and an active member of the American Heart Association Council on Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology. Dr. Lopez received his medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons and completed his residency and fellowship training at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Ogan Gurel - CEO of Duravest - noted that "Dr. Lopez has a deep background in the development of novel approaches to coronary artery disease both at the preclinical and clinical level. He will be an invaluable resource for our Estracure subsidiary as it develops its next generation drug-eluting stent. Importantly, Dr. Lopez' broad background - including advanced diagnostic modalities such as three-dimensional intravascular ultrasound - is also of importance in maximizing the full development of our innovative technology portfolio." Dr. Lopez added: "The Estracure technology is a unique approach to drug eluting stents, and potentially represents the future of this field. I am extremely pleased to be a part of the team assisting in the development of this technology."