



## RAFAEL ERNESTO AZUAJE

License Number: ME86992

Profession	Medical Doctor
License Status	CLEAR/Active
Year Began Practicing	02/01/1998
License Expiration	01/31/2027
Date	

## General Information

### Primary Practice Address

RAFAEL ERNESTO AZUAJE  
2999 NE 191 ST  
SUITE 340  
AVENTURA, FL 33180

### Medicaid

This practitioner does NOT participate in the Medicaid program.

### Staff Privileges

This practitioner currently holds staff privileges at the following hospital/medical/health institutions:

Institution Name	City	State
AVENTURA HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER	AVENTURA	FLORIDA

### Email Address

Please contact at: [rafaelazuaje@hotmail.com](mailto:rafaelazuaje@hotmail.com)

### Other State Licenses

This practitioner has indicated the following additional state licensure:

State	Profession
INDIANA	MD

### Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association

If you are a Florida Allopathic (MD) or Osteopathic (DO) Physician, you are required to provide proof of payment of the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association (NICA) assessment as required by section 766.314, Florida Statutes. Payment of the initial and annual assessment are required of all Florida Allopathic and Osteopathic Physicians who do not qualify for an exemption as set forth in section 766.314(4)(b)4, Florida Statutes.

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has submitted payment of the assessment.

## Education and Training

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Institution Name	Degree Title	Dates of Attendance	Graduation Date
UNIV. CENTRO-OCCIDENTAL "LISAN	MD	7/1/1987 - 12/1/1995	12/14/1995

Other Health Related Degrees

This practitioner does not hold any additional health related degrees.

Professional and Postgraduate Training

This practitioner has completed the following graduate medical education:

Program Name	Program Type	Specialty Area	Other Specialty Area	City	State or Country	Dates Attended From	Dates Attended To
INDIAN UNIVERSITY	RESIDENCY	GS - SURGERY		INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANA	07/01/1998	06/30/2004
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	FELLOWSHIP	GS - SURGERY	ADVACED LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY	MIAMI	UNITED STATES	07/01/2004	06/30/2005

Academic Appointments

Graduate Medical Education

This practitioner has not had the responsibility for graduate medical education within the last 10 years.

Academic Appointments

This practitioner does not currently hold faculty appointments at any medical/health related institutions of higher learning.

Specialty Certification

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This practitioner holds the following certifications from specialty boards recognized by the Florida board which regulates the profession for which he/she is licensed:

Specialty Board	Certification	Date Certified
AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY	GS - SURGERY	

Financial Responsibility

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I have hospital staff privileges and I have professional liability coverage in an amount not less than \$250,000 per claim, with a minimum annual aggregate of not less than \$750,000 from an authorized insurer as defined under s. 624.09, F. S., from a surplus lines insurer as defined under s. 626.914(2), F. S., from a risk retention group as defined under s. 627.942, F.S., from the Joint Underwriting Association established under s. 627.351(4), F. S., or through a plan of self insurance as provided in s.627 .357, F.S.

Proceedings and Actions

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Criminal Offenses

The criminal history information, if any exists, may be incomplete; federal criminal history information is not available to the public. Information is verified by the Department at the time of initial licensure and renewal.

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has no criminal offenses required to be published on this profile.

Medicaid Sanctions and Terminations

This practitioner has not been sanctioned or terminated for cause from the Medicaid program.

Final Disciplinary Actions Reported by the Department of Health within the last 10 years:

The information below is self reported by the practitioner.

Final disciplinary action taken by a specialty board within the last 10 years:

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has \*NOT\* had any final disciplinary action taken against him/her within the last 10 years by a specialty board.

Final disciplinary action taken by a licensing agency within the last 10 years:

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has \*NOT\* had any final disciplinary action taken against him/her within the last 10 years by a licensing agency.

Disciplinary action taken by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center within the last 10 years:

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has \*NOT\* had any final disciplinary action taken against him/her within the last 10 years by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center.  
The following discipline has been reported as required under 456.041(5), F.S. within the previous 10 years.

Resignation from or non-renewal of medical staff membership or the restriction or revocation of staff privileges within the last 10 years by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center in lieu of or in settlement of a pending disciplinary case related to competence or character.

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has \*NEVER\* been asked to or allowed to resign from or had any medical staff privileges restricted or revoked within the last 10 years by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

Liability Claims Exceeding \$100,000.00 Within last 10 years.

Settlement of a claim may occur for a variety of reasons that do not necessarily reflect negatively on the professional competence or conduct of the physician. A payment settlement of a medical malpractice action or claim should not be construed as creating a presumption that medical malpractice has occurred.  
**Additional claims information may have been reported to the Department of Financial Services. To check their web site, please click [here](#).**  
There have not been any reported liability actions, which are required to be reported under section 456.049, F. S., within the previous 10 years.

Optional Information

Committees/Memberships

This practitioner has an affiliation with the following committees:  
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS  
American Hernia Society

Professional or Community Service Awards

This practitioner has provided the following professional or community service activities, honors, or awards:

Community Service/Award/Honor	Organization
LEONARD A ENSMINGER AWARD	AMERICA COLLEGE OF SURGEONS INDIANA CHAPTER
DISTINCTION CUM LAUDE	UNIVERSIDAD CENTROCCIDENTAL
GOLDEN SIGMOIDOSCOPE AWARD	INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Publications

This practitioner has authored the following publications in peer-reviewed medical literature within the previous ten years:

Title	Publication	Date
RELIABILITY OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AS A PREDICTOR OF VASCUL	JOURNAL OF TRAUMA	01/15/2001
PROGNOSTIC IMPORTANCE OF LYMPH NODE TUMOR BURDEN IN MELANOMA	ANNALS OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY	09/22/2002

Title	Publication	Date
ABDOMINAL AORTIC INJURY SECONDARY TO BLUNT ABDOMINAL TRAUM	SURGICAL ROUNDS	06/22/2003
DESMOID TUMORS	SURGICAL ROUNDS	07/23/2003
STAB WOUNDS OF THE FLANK AND BACK EVALUATION OF A PROTOCOL	SURGICAL ROUNDS	11/27/2003
LACK OF PROGNOSTIC IMPORTANCE OF REVERSE-TRANSCRIPTASE POLYM	PLASTIC RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY	11/04/2005
ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY AND GASTRODUO	SURGICAL ENDOSCOPY	10/13/2006
THE DOUBLE-WIRE TECHNIQUE AS AN AID TO SELECTIVE CANNULATION	JOURNAL OF PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY NUTRITION	10/25/2007
PASS THE ABSITE AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY IN-TRAINING EXAM	W B SAUNDERS	10/21/2002
SURGERY REVIEW ILLUSTRATED	MCGRAW-HILL	12/03/2004

### Professional Web Page

[www.miamiherniacenter.com](http://www.miamiherniacenter.com)

### Languages Other Than English

This practitioner has indicated that the following languages other than English are used to communicate with patients, or that a translation service is available for patients, at his/her primary place of practice.  
SPANISH

### Other Affiliations

This practitioner has not provided any national, state, local, county, or professional affiliations.