## **OTTO SANCHEZ**

Dr. Otto Sanchez graduated from medical school in Bogota, Colombia in 1983, after which he completed a clinical residency in Pathology at the Colombian National Cancer Institute in 1998. He earned a Master of Science (MSc) degree at the University of Toronto in Ontario in 1990 and a PhD at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario in 1997. His MSc and PhD research focused on cancer cytogenetics and mechanisms of bone metastasis, respectively. From 1996 to 2004 he was a postdoctoral fellow and research associate at the laboratory of Dr. Rama Khokha at the Ontario Cancer Institute, Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, Ontario.

Dr. Sanchez began his teaching career in 1990 at the School of Nursing at McMaster University. After becoming a faculty member, he developed expertise in online teaching while teaching at a distance education program in the Province of Ontario. He was awarded the Teaching Excellence Award by the McMaster's Students' Union in 1996, 1998 and 2000. Inspired by McMaster's problem-based learning educational model, Dr. Sanchez developed an interest in teaching basic health sciences with the use of case studies by adapting them to various educational formats. He joined the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in 2003, and received the university's Faculty Teaching Award in 2005.