

Javier Garcia-Bengochea, M.D.
Brief Biography

I was born Francisco Javier Garcia-Bengochea y Bolivar in Havana, Cuba on 7/29/1959. I escaped from Cuba with my parents on 11/1/1960 and as was customary among many Cuban exiles, my name was shortened to facilitate our assimilation into a new country.

After a brief time in Gainesville, Florida and Kansas City, Kansas, my family left the United States and immigrated legally through Canada, settling permanently in Gainesville, Florida, where my father was the first professor of neurosurgery at the then new University of Florida School of Medicine.

I, too, am a neurological surgeon with expertise in minimally invasive spine surgery and adult deformity reconstruction. I have designed and developed many systems used throughout the world for minimally invasive and complex spinal surgery.

My certified claims are inherited from my cousin, Albert J. Parreño, a New York attorney and American citizen at the time of the confiscation of his property on October 14, 1960.

These claims were valued by the FCSC to be approximately \$550,000, the majority of which was stock in a shipping and warehousing business in Santiago de Cuba. Other assets included a divided interest in an apartment house in the Miramar section of Havana, undeveloped real estate in Santiago and stock in a flour mill, Molinera Oriental, among others.