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Dr. Francisco is one of the nation's leading physicians in the field of brain injury and stroke rehabilitation. A frequent lecturer nationally and internationally, he is currently conducting research on the use of botulinum toxin and intrathecal baclofen for the treatment of spasticity, along with the use of robots to facilitate recovery after a stroke or spinal cord injury.

Dr. Francisco is chairman and clinical professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) at UTHealth Medical School and adjunct professor at Baylor College of Medicine. He received his medical degree from the University of the Philippines and completed his internship at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. His residency in PM&R was with the University of Medicine and Dentistry-New Jersey Medical School, where he was chief resident.

He was awarded the Dean's Teaching Award from UT Medical School in 2001, 2004 and 2008 and the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Alliance of the Baylor College of Medicine and UTHealth Teacher of the Year Award in 2000. Dr. Francisco was elected to "Best Doctors in America" for 2007-2008 by his peers. From 2001-2009, he has been listed in "Best Doctors in America."

Dr. Francisco completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Brain Injury Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine. Before joining the Brain Injury Program at TIRR Memorial Hermann in 1997, he served as director of the Brain Injury Program at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation and assistant professor in the department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at New Jersey Medical School.