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Ezequiel “Zeke” Silva III, MD, FACR, FSIR, FRBMA, RCC, is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He completed medical school and residency at Baylor College of Medicine before pursuing a fellowship in vascular and interventional radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

He is the immediate past-chair of the American College of Radiology (ACR) Commission on Economics and is a founding board member of the Neiman Health Policy Institute and serves on their Advisory Board. Dr. Silva serves on the editorial board of the Journal of the American College of Radiology for which he authored the standing column “Reimbursement Rounds” from 2010 to 2016. He previously served as the chairman of economics for the Society of Interventional Radiology and editor of the Interventional Radiology Coding Guide. He served on the board of the Radiology Coding Certification Board for five years and is a Past President of the Texas Radiological Society.

Dr. Silva is Co-Chair of the AMA Digital Medicine Payment Advisory Group (DMPAG). He is a member of the AMA/Specialty Society RVS Update Committee (RUC) and serves as Chair of the RUC Research Subcommittee. He serves on the Texas Medical Association (TMA) Delegation to the American Medical Association and on the TMA Council on Socioeconomics.

Dr. Silva has approximately 70 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, more than 50 non-peer reviewed publications and over 50 CME approved scientific lectures and exhibits, to his credit. As lead author, Dr. Silva’s 2016 paper on alternative payment models was awarded the “Best of 2016” by the Journal of the American College of Radiology. Also, in 2016, Dr. Silva and collaborators were semi-finalists for Aunt Minnie’s Scientific Paper of the Year.

His academic achievements are largely focused on payment policy and quality initiatives in radiology and across health care. In 2010, he chaired the ACR Task Force on Teleradiology Practice, focusing on technical and practice standards for the digital practice of radiology. This effort culminated in the publication of the “ACR White Paper on Teleradiology Practice” for which he was lead author.

More recently, Dr. Silva has also been a leader during the COVID-19 pandemic. He participates in state, regional, and local task forces related to the pandemic. He was an invited presenter to the CMS and White House COVID-19 Task Force. “Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19” and also served as webinar faculty for the AMA "Coding for Telemedicine and COVID-19 attended by several thousand interested professionals.

In San Antonio, Dr. Silva is a member of the board of directors for the South Texas Radiology Group and Diagnostic Imaging Management. He is the Medical Director of Radiology at the Methodist Texasan Hospital. He is an adjunct professor at the UT Health-San Antonio. Locally, Dr. Silva has been recognized among the “40 Under Forty: San Antonio’s Rising Stars” and is a multi-year recipient of San Antonio’s “Best Doctors” as chosen by his peers across the medical community.

His clinical interests include digital applications in health care, particularly oncology imaging and interventions.