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**IACLE Latin America Journal Club**



In November, **Dr Sandra Herrera** from [Universidad Santo Tomas](#) in Santiago, Chile, hosted a Spanish-speaking Journal Club, reviewing the topic 'Impact of the modulus of elasticity of silicone hydrogel contact lenses on meibomian gland morphology and function' (27 November). A total of 60 IACLE members and eye care practitioners attended the live session.

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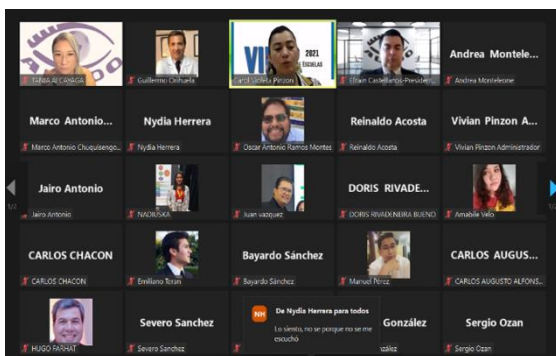
**Contact lens workshops in Ecuador**



The [Universidad Tecnica de Manabi](#) in Portoviejo, Ecuador, invited IACLE Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** to lead workshops for their Master's students on contact lens practice, covering a range of diverse topics based on clinical experiences.

The team had additional support from CooperVision's distribution company who provided contact lens trials and solutions. The students had the opportunity to use IACLE resources and participate in a hands-on workshop.

**ALDOO meeting with Deans and Heads of optometric schools**



On 25 November, IACLE Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** was invited to the [7th Meeting of Deans and Directors of the School of Optometry](#) where 35 participants attended virtually to discuss the optometry curriculum in Latin America. The [Latin American Association of Optometry and Optics](#) (ALDOO) is committed to establishing a strong relationship with IACLE, and IACLE's contact lens curriculum is included in the proposal for optometric education.



Every week, Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** interviews IACLE members from across the Latin America region on different contact lens topics, thanks to the sponsorship of [www.franjavisualradio.com](http://www.franjavisualradio.com).

Members from different parts of the region participate and share their experiences on the education markets. This month's topics were: 'The importance of fitting contact lenses to children', where **Jose Lay (Nicaragua)** discussed strategies for creating awareness on myopia impact through parents. **Fernando Rodriguez (Ecuador)** spoke on 'Soft contact lenses for myopia control'. He gave an excellent review on soft contact lens options and the technology of these optical devices. **Guadalupe Duhart (Mexico)** spoke on 'Causes of visual health collapse'. She explained that in her experience, communication and good clinical practice solves any collapse.

### [Catch up on all Spanish-speaking webinars via IACLETOP](#)

We appreciate our members' active support and participation and invite you to join us every Wednesday to discuss contact lens-related topics. A special thanks to Grupo Franja for sponsoring the program.