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This single line captures the essence of Dr. Ramon Gutierrez-Sandoval's extraordinary journey, one that bridges the worlds of medicine, humanity, and resilience. Over more than three decades in science, he has turned adversity into innovation, proving that the greatest discoveries often emerge from the deepest struggles.

Fourteen years ago, Dr. Gutierrez faced cancer

himself. A few years later, he stood by his father's side as he battled stage-IV disease with dozens of metastases and only days of predicted survival. "Those experiences shaped my conviction that science must transform lives, not just statistics," he recalls. Today, that conviction guides his work as the Founder and Global Scientific Director of OGRD Alliance LLC, an international consortium uniting researchers across Chile, Panama, the United States, Spain, and the UAE.

At the heart of his research lies PLPC-DB™, the first endogenous, non-cellular, non-NCE cancer immunotherapy aligned with FDA standards. "From illness came understanding," he says. "PLPC-DB™ was born from the instinct to survive, a safe, non-pharmacodynamic therapeutic

platform that reprograms the tumor microenvironment and enhances tolerance to treatment."

Gutierrez's story began in Chile, where he trained as a physician and pathologist. Yet his curiosity soon expanded beyond the microscope. Over the years, he pursued master's degrees in Molecular Oncology, Clinical Oncology, Regenerative Medicine, Bioethics, Oncopathology and Precision Oncology with Big Data, along with a postgraduate certification as a Medical Science Liaison (MSL), enhancing his ability to translate complex immunotherapeutic data into regulatory and clinical value. "Every discipline I studied was a step toward understanding not just cancer as a disease, but humanity's response to it," he reflects.

In 2021, that understanding took form with the establishment of OGRD Alliance, headquartered in Orlando and Dubai, an organization he describes as "a bridge between science and humanism." Under his leadership, the Alliance



developed the PLPC -DB™ Cancer Immunotherapy, PLPC-NX™ as nutraceutical line, together with STIP™ — a system designed under NAM-FDA standards, that redefines scientific traceability within immunotherapy. His portfolio includes leadership roles as President of SOCHOM and SOCHIDEX, and memberships in global organizations such as ASCO, ESMO, SITC, CAP, and USCAP.

“Every discovery carries moral responsibility,” Dr. Gutierrez says with quiet conviction. “Be rigorous, but stay human. Compassion doesn’t weaken science; it completes it.” His leadership philosophy reflects this blend of discipline and empathy. He practices what he calls “traceable leadership” ensuring that every decision within his team is backed by evidence and integrity. “Leadership is not about commanding; it’s about building trust in each team member’s potential. At OGRD, we operate as a network of shared responsibility rather than rigid hierarchy.”

His personal ethos was forged in moments of pain. “Resilience has become my defining strength; impatience, my most demanding teacher,” he admits. “Illness showed me that precision is not born from speed but from silence, patience, and clarity. Compassion is a higher form of intelligence.”

Despite a career spanning continents and conferences, from ASCO and ESMO to BioJapan and Revive Summit Abu Dhabi 2025, Dr.

Gutierrez remains grounded in simplicity. “Balance isn’t found in calendars, but in gratitude: doing what we can, with what we have, while building what still awaits,” he shares. Between laboratories and long flights, he finds peace in writing and tennis. “Writing helps me organize my thoughts when the world becomes too loud, while tennis is my way of meditating in motion,” he smiles.

Dr. Gutierrez’s accomplishments are as profound as his philosophy. His pioneering OncoVix Program has documented over 3,500 cases and 24,000 therapeutic applications across 11 years, with hundreds of testimonies and consistent

real-world evidence. His innovations have earned him global recognition, including the Visionary Leader Award at Health 2.0 Dubai (2025) and Scientific Recognition from MPOIS International Society (2024). Yet for him, these honors are simply milestones on a longer path. “True success is measured by improved lives, not applause,” he emphasizes.

Beyond science, Dr. Gutierrez finds meaning in mentorship and music. He loves reading philosophy, listening to 80s love songs, and engaging in deep conversations with his team. “Traveling reminds me that knowledge has no borders. Every culture teaches something new,” he says. For him, the exchange of ideas is

as healing as the therapies he develops.

As he looks ahead, his mission is both bold and benevolent, to transfer the PLPC platform to visionary partners who share his ideals of uniting “science with conscious capital.” His goal is not just innovation, but inclusion, to make life-extending cancer therapies accessible through public health systems around the world.

To those who face their own storms, his message is simple yet profound: “Adversity can become a transformative force. In my case, illness led me to create a solution that now helps others. Never underestimate the bond between knowledge and compassion.”

Dr. Ramon Gutierrez-Sandoval's life stands as proof that science, when guided by conscience, transcends laboratories and enters the realm of humanity. His journey from patient to pioneer is not just about curing disease, it's about redefining what it means to heal. In his words,

