

## **Spotlight On:**

### **Fabian Sandoval, MD – Emerson Clinical Research Institute**

Fabian Sandoval, MD, attending his first Site Solutions Summit in October, 2013, was a seasoned researcher who had built a fulfilling and diversified research career in academia, healthcare systems and the public sector. He was an accomplished researcher with more than 18 years of bench-to-bedside experience, but had always dreamed of establishing his own site. The 2013 Summit gave him the inspiration to do it, and he opened the doors of the Emerson Clinical Research Institute in March, 2014.

At the Summit, he connected with leaders from sponsor and CRO organizations, who affirmed his idea that a clinical research site focused on minority patients was of value to patients and the industry. He also met with other entrepreneurs and investigators who shared their own experiences of following their dreams.

“I remember a moment at the Summit when I just knew I could do it,” he says. “It was a life-changing experience.”

The mission of the Emerson Clinical Research Institute is to offer underserved patients the opportunity to participate in clinical research, just as they might find at major institutions. Already, Emerson has received several initial site visits from sponsors. His dream is taking shape.

Dr. Sandoval has been so impressed by the support he’s received through SCRS that he volunteered to lead the SCRS Education Community, a group that works with the Leadership Council to evaluate opportunities for the delivery of pertinent educational material to SCRS members and the general research community.

“I share the SCRS vision of advocating for site sustainability,” he says, “and I want to contribute. I’m very excited to be part of this organization and thank them for giving me the impetus to start my own research site.”