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Dr. Zepeda-Orozco runs an active NIH-funded laboratory focused on use of biomarkers to identify specific kidney injury phenotypes in pre-clinical models and human samples to facilitate development of targeted nephroprotective therapeutic approaches with specific focus on onconephrology. Her laboratory leverages differences between tumor and normal cells metabolism in pre-clinical models to design mitochondrially targeted therapeutic approaches that can protect kidney cells and maximize tumor responses.

Dr. Zepeda-Orozco earned her medical degree at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico. She performed her Pediatrics training at LeBonheur Children's Hospital, and her Pediatric Nephrology and Renal Transplant Fellowships at UT Southwestern Medical Center Dallas. After completion of her fellowships, she was recruited to the University of Iowa as Director of the Pediatric Kidney Transplant program. During that time, she completed her Master of Science in Translational Biomedicine.