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**Clinical Interests** Javier E. Lopez is interested in studying how soluble factors may regulate the transition of cardiac myocytes from regeneration during fetal growth to hypertrophic growth postnatally. It is postulated that the lack of cardiac regeneration in the postnatal heart confounds the myocyte dysfunction, cell death and tissue fibrosis that is associated with decompensated heart failure. Our global hypothesis is that by manipulating the cardiac gene program of the failing heart with soluble factors (drugs), we may augment endogenous and/or transplanted cardiac myocyte regeneration to ameliorate the progression of left and/or right ventricular failure. My laboratory focus is in studying the fundamental mechanisms of this growth transition to enhance the translational efficacy of soluble factors (drugs) and cell-based strategies (stem-cells) for cardiac regeneration in the failing heart.

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