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Recognized as a *polymath*, Dr. Ramirez has made a career of finding the correlations and connections missed by others creating new perspectives and processes so profound as to constitute new knowledge. The first individual to combine of disaster and emergency medicine principles with process enhancement and business continuity practices for wholesale application as a model for business management and corporate leadership, Dr. Ramirez originated such business models and practices as **Business Triage™**, **InstaDecision™**, **Economus Paradus**, and **Epidemic Enthusiasm™**.

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