

Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation
2015 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Daniel Pollyea



Graduated...1995
Resides...Denver, Colo.

Physician-scientist Daniel Pollyea left Gahanna Lincoln High School in 1995 as valedictorian of his class and in pursuit of higher education. He went on to earn his B.S. in biology from Indiana University and his M.D. from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. After residency at the University of Chicago and fellowship at Stanford University, he went on to earn his M.S. in Epidemiology from Stanford.

In 2011, Dr. Pollyea accepted a position with the University of Colorado, where he is currently the Clinical Director of Leukemia Services and Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hematology, Hematological Malignancies and Bone Marrow Transplantation. His research interests involve developmental therapeutics for leukemia and other blood cancers through collaborative laboratory-based efforts and clinical trials involving novel therapies that he designs and leads.

Dr. Pollyea is interested in developing drugs that target leukemia stem cells that will allow for definitive and curative therapies. He has served as the Principal Investigator of multiple early-phase clinical trials, and has received funding for his work from the American Society of Hematology, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

His clinical trials and research have led to ground-breaking developments in cures for certain cancers, and his research has been presented as testimony to members of the United States Congress to secure funding for additional research.

“It is profoundly challenging and unbelievably rewarding to work at the nexus of patient care and scientific discovery,” said Pollyea. “I am on a daily basis humbled by the resilience and generosity of my patients who volunteer their bodies so that we may learn more about their diseases and work toward eradicating them.”

In addition to presenting his research at conferences all over the world, Dr. Pollyea updates and maintains Leukemology.com, a blog about the clinical practice and research developments in the field of leukemia. The blog is a helpful resource for his patients, as well as their friends and families, to learn more about the disease and the progress made towards eradication.

In his spare time, Pollyea is an avid hiker, biker and outdoor activity enthusiast. He enjoys spending time with his wife Jessica and their children Levi, Zoe and Judah.