

# Leukemia Fellowship Program

## Class of 2020-2022

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**Daniel Rivera, M.D.**  
Clinical Fellow in Leukemia  
MD Anderson Cancer Center Fellowship Program  
2020 - 2022

**Daniel Rivera, M.D.** is a second-year Fellow in The Leukemia Fellowship Program at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, joined the Department of Leukemia in July 2020. Beyond his passion for this field, he continues to broaden his knowledge of the molecular and genetic aspects of myeloid diseases as they continue to provide more insights in terms of prognosis and for the development of new treatments. Last year he received the ASH abstract achievement award for his research project on RAS pathway mutations in AML. Additionally, He continues to research the impact of DNMT3A mutations in AML. He has also worked on the cardiovascular effects of ibrutinib in patients with CLL. Dr. Rivera aspires to pursue a career as a hematopathologist and continue to be proactive in academia in the United States.

Dr. Daniel Rivera obtained his degree in Doctor of Medicine from the University of Cuenca, Ecuador in 2008. As a medical student, he was awarded first and second place in the Scientific Contest of Clinical and Surgical Cases in 2006 and 2007. In 2008 he worked as a rural physician in underserved areas in Ecuador, which he considers an enriching experience that has contributed to his achievements. Dr. Rivera completed his Hematology residency at The University Hospital of Salamanca, Spain in 2019. Dr. Rivera discovered his passion for research and participated in several research projects as well as clinical trials. One area of interest was the study of the bone marrow stroma and mesenchymal stem cells in patients in early post-allogeneic stem cell transplant period. For that project, he obtained a scholarship as part of his postdoctoral training. Additionally, Dr. Rivera has published and contributed to peer-reviewed journal articles in addition to oral and poster presentations in national and international scientific meetings. Dr. Daniel Rivera is a foodie, and a big Formula 1 fan, also likes to play tennis. He is fluent in Spanish, English, and Italian.