

[AAAAI Foundation and Donald Y. M. Leung, MD PhD FAAAAI -JACI
Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future \(13th year\)](#)

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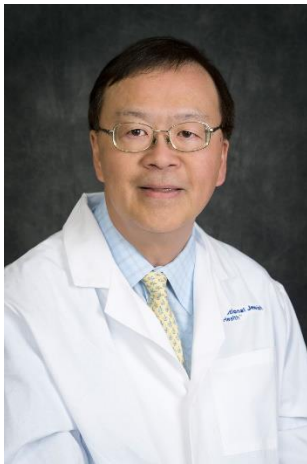
Presidential Plenary: Environmental Influences on the Microbiome: Impact on Allergic Diseases

Convention Center, Ground Level, Hall C

Lecturer: Ian Myles, MD

Environmental Impact on Atopic Dermatitis, Implications for Environmental Injustice and Therapy

Donald Y. M. Leung, MD, PhD, FAAAAI



Donald Y.M. Leung, MD, PhD, FAAAAI served as the Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* (JACI) from 1998-2015. Under his leadership, the impact factor of our journal rose from 3.7 to 12.485, reflecting a marked improvement in publications of research dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of allergic and immunologic diseases. JACI is the most highly cited journal in the field of allergy, asthma and clinical immunology and is the most visible official publication of The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI).

As one of his initiatives to support and enhance research in our specialty and to maintain JACI's high impact factor, Dr. Leung has established the AAAAI Foundation and Donald Y.M. Leung, MD, PhD-JACI Editors Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future, and he continues to raise money to support the mission of the Foundation. In 2016, to acknowledge his significant contributions to the field, the AAAAI Foundation named a Faculty Development Award in his honor. It is known as the AAAAI Foundation & Dr. Donald Y.M. Leung/JACI Editors Faculty Development Award.

Both the Lectureship and the Award serve to advance the knowledge and/or treatment of allergy, asthma and immunology by providing a source of funding for future research. The vision is to support quality, cutting edge translational and basic research suitable for publication in JACI and further advance patient care and the credibility of allergy/immunology. Dr. Leung encourages all individuals interested in securing the future of scientifically based patient care to consider donating to this Lectureship. Please join the individuals who have already committed funds to make this vision a reality. We encourage you to celebrate the

contributions of Dr. Leung, the other JACI Editors and editorial staff and the success of JACI with a generous donation to the Donald Y.M. Leung- JACI Named Award and Lectureship Fund. Together we can do more.

Ian Myles, MD



Dr. Myles, Principal Investigator, Epithelial Therapeutics Unit, graduated with a B.S. in biology from Colorado State University in 2001 and then obtained an M.D. from the University of Colorado in 2005. He completed an internal medicine residency at The Ohio State University prior to beginning fellowship training in allergy and clinical immunology at NIH. He worked under the mentorship of Dr. Sandip Datta investigating the mechanistic details of susceptibility to *S. aureus* skin infections. In 2011, Dr. Myles became a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. LCDR Myles has supported several USPHS missions, from the Ebola virus vaccine trial in West Africa to congressional Gold Medal Ceremonies at the U.S. Capitol. In 2013, he was awarded a position as an assistant clinical investigator in the NIAID Transition Program in Clinical Research. Dr. Myles received his M.P.H. from George Washington University in 2016. In 2018, Dr. Myles became the head of the newly formed Epithelial Therapeutics Unit to evaluate the efficacy and safety of a topical, live bacterial treatment for atopic dermatitis (eczema). He is currently a participant in the Lasker Clinical Research Scholars and Distinguished Scholars programs.