

Dr. D'Andrea's Clowes Acceptance Speech:

“It is a great honor to receive the G.H.A. Clowes Memorial Award from the AACR. It has been especially humbling to read the list of past recipients of the award, many of whom are my personal heroes in cancer research.

Work from our laboratory has shown that the study of rare pediatric cancer susceptibility syndromes, such as Fanconi anemia, can lead to broad insights into the cause and treatment of cancer in the general population. My laboratory members and I are grateful to the children and families with Fanconi anemia who have been our close partners in this research during the last two decades. I am especially indebted to Lynn and Dave Frohnmayer, co-founders of FARF and parents of FA children, who have visited my lab, encouraged me to work in this important area, and provided a continuous source of inspiration. We will continue to strive to find treatments for this disease.

I also wish to thank my colleagues at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital at Boston.

And finally, I would like to thank my wife, Bonnie Fendrock, herself an accomplished Biotechnology entrepreneur, and our children, Vincent and Erika D'Andrea, for their support at home.

Thank you.”