

Bio - Peter Poulos, MD

Dr. Poulos received his M.D. degree at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, after which he did an Internal Medicine residency at the University of California-San Francisco, finishing in 2002. He stayed at UCSF as a Gastroenterology fellow, but he decided to retrain in Radiology after a spinal cord injury left him partially paralyzed from the neck down. He did his Radiology residency at Stanford University, where he also completed a fellowship in Body Imaging in 2009.

Dr. Poulos is a rising change agent in disability inclusion and has personally witnessed how the lived experience of disability can positively affect change in medical education. Having severe disability, Pete is keenly interested in ensuring that medical education remains an equal opportunity profession.

Dr. Poulos impacts disability inclusion through several mechanisms. As an Associate Professor of Radiology, Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Stanford University and former Associate Residency Program Director for the Stanford University Radiology Residency. In these roles, he models the 'ability' of people with disabilities and utilizes a [unique and creative model](#) to provide mentoring and education to future medical students.

Dr. Poulos uses his lived experience to inform a more inclusive learning and practice environment for medicine. He is a champion of equal access in medical education, residency and practice as evidenced by his high impact contributions to the field. Pete is founder and Director of the Stanford Medicine Abilities Coalition (SMAC) where he advocates for students and healthcare providers with disabilities and health equity for disabled patients and serves as an invited delegate on the international council for disability inclusive medical education (international council) and member of the disability in Graduate Medical education (DIGME) working group.

Dr. Poulos mentors the next generation of disabled physicians through his role as Faculty Advisor to the Medical Students with Disability and Chronic Illness (MSDCI) student group at Stanford Medicine and Nationally and his role as Co-Host of the #DocsWithDisabilities Podcast, a critically acclaimed podcast with over 30,000 listeners.

In addition to his national and international impact, Dr. Poulos is informing critical local change on the Stanford Medicine campus through his work on the Stanford School of Medicine Faculty Senate and the Stanford Medicine Diversity Cabinet.