Daniel Fulkerson, MD

Dr. Fulkerson specializes in both adult and pediatric neurosurgery. He is from Warsaw, Indiana and graduated from the University of Notre Dame. After medical school, he served in the United States Air Force as a general medical officer stationed in Misawa, Japan. He performed his neurosurgical residency training at Indiana University and completed a post-graduate fellowship in pediatric neurosurgery at Texas Children’s Hospital with the Baylor College of Medicine. He returned to Indiana to join the teaching faculty at Riley Hospital for Children and attained the rank of Associate Professor.

Dr. Fulkerson returned to South Bend in 2018 to establish a pediatric neurosurgical service at Beacon Children’s Hospital. This specialty service was critically underserved for Northern Indiana at the time, as there were no other pediatric neurosurgeons outside of Indianapolis.

Dr. Fulkerson has published over 60 scientific papers, written five textbook chapters, and received two grants for hydrocephalus research. He established a neurosurgical collaboration with the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya and has performed multiple medical missions in Africa. His experiences in the military, Africa, and in neurosurgery are humorously recounted in the book *Nothing Good Happens at the Baby Hospital* published in 2016.

The most gratifying part of Dr. Fulkerson’s work is seeing the joy in patients’ eyes as they heal and bounce back. He hopes that his pediatric patients and their families will find his care individualized, accessible and friendly. “For patients and their families, it can be a scary process,” Dr. Fulkerson said. “Part of my mission is to put families and kids at ease.”

Returning to South Bend feels like coming home for him. In his free time, you can find him golfing, playing speed chess, or writing.