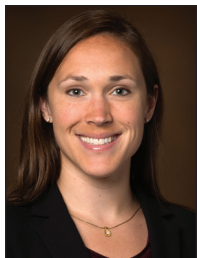


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PGY 4



Melinda Beyer, MD

BA: Lawrence University (Biochemistry)
MD: University of Wisconsin School of
Medicine and Public Health

"Dr. Melinda Beyer is the internal medicine chief resident. She enjoys listening to history and true crime podcasts, running, skiing, and snuggling with her cat, Ava."



Andrew McCasland, MD

BA: University of Central Oklahoma
(Biology)
MD: University of Oklahoma School of
Medicine

"Dr. Andrew McCasland plans to be a hospitalist after graduation. Some of his favorite activities include hiking, camping, kayaking, running, traveling, drinking coffee, and hanging out with his two cats, Missy and Ghost."

PGY 3



Travis Anderson, MD

BS: St. Cloud State University (Athletic
Training)
MD: University of Minnesota School of
Medicine

"Dr. Travis Anderson plans to work as a hospitalist in a rural setting. Travis enjoys working on cars, target practice, fishing, and spending time with family."



Joseph Mueller, MD

BS: University of Wisconsin - Madison
(Biology)
MD: University of Wisconsin School of
Medicine and Public Health

"Dr. Joe Mueller plans to work in hospital medicine following residency. In his spare time he enjoys anything that gets him outside including running, biking, fishing, as well as spending time with family and friends."



Nikhitha Chandrashekar, MD

MD: MS Ramaiah Medical College
(Bangalore, India)

"Dr. Nikhitha Chandrashekar is interested in pursuing a fellowship in endocrinology. She grew up in Kentucky and pursued high school and med school in Bangalore, India. In her spare time, she enjoys running, hiking, and yoga."



Thu Nguyen, DO

BA: University of Wisconsin - River Falls
(Biochemistry)
DO: William Carey University College of
Osteopathic Medicine

"Dr. Thu Nguyen enjoys traveling, trying different national cuisines, and learning how to cook them in her kitchen."



Abigail Krueger, DO

BS: University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
(Chemistry, Biomedicine)
DO: Liberty College of Osteopathic
Medicine

"Dr. Abigail Krueger plans to pursue a fellowship in endocrinology and specifically focus on obesity medicine. In her spare time, she competes in Crossfit, is a nutrition coach, and enjoys spending time with her husband and cats."



Brian Sowka, DO

BS: University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
(Biology)
DO: A.T. Still University Kirksville College of
Osteopathic Medicine

"Dr. Brian Sowka is interested in pursuing a fellowship in GI. He enjoys spending time with family, camping, hiking, and fishing."

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**Chinou Vang, MD**

BS: University of Wisconsin - Madison
(Biology)

MD: University of Wisconsin School of
Medicine and Public Health

"Dr. Chinou Vang is interested in working as a hospitalist in the tri-state area. He enjoys traveling and learning about different cultures and customs."

**Brady Nelson, MD**

BS: University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
(Biochemistry, Biology)

MD: University of Wisconsin School of
Medicine and Public Health

"Dr. Brady Nelson plans on working as a hybrid primary care doctor and hospitalist. In his free time, Brady enjoys traveling, hiking in National Parks, spending time with his family, boating, watching sports, and staying active."

PGY 2

**Matthew Eidenschink, MD**

BS: University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
(Biomedical Sciences)

MD: University of Minnesota School of
Medicine

"Dr. Matt Eidenschink is interested in hospital medicine. Outside of the hospital he enjoys spending time trail running, backpacking and gardening."

**Steven Szlembarski, DO**

BS: Northern Illinois University (Biology)
DO: Midwestern University - Chicago
College of Osteopathic Medicine

"Dr. Steven Szlembarski is interested in Rheumatology. Steve enjoys spending time outdoors including golfing, hiking and snowboarding."

**Dominic Haddad, DO**

BS: University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
(Microbiology)

DO: University of Pikeville - Kentucky
College of Osteopathic Medicine

"Dr. Dominic Haddad is interested in infectious disease but can also see himself as a hybrid. His favorite thing to do is spend a day on the water fishing, boating and spending time with loved ones. He is always up for some hiking, tennis, basketball and snowboarding as well."

**Shruthi Subramaniam, MD**

BA: University of Minnesota - Duluth (Cell
and Molecular Biology)

MD: Ross University School of Medicine

"Dr. Shruthi Subramaniam is thinking of being a hospitalist but also open to fellowship. In her free time, she loves to be around her friends and family and travel to new places."

**Louis Hahn, DO**

BS: University of Kentucky (Biology)
DO: University of Pikeville-Kentucky College
of Osteopathic Medicine

"Dr. Louis Hahn is currently uncertain of his post-residency plans. Some of his hobbies include singing karaoke, playing board games, and chilling with his cat."

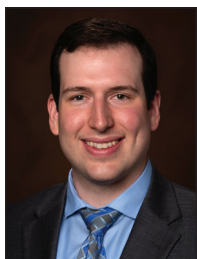
**Joseph Walbridge, MD**

BS: University of Notre Dame (Science-
Business)

MD: Western Michigan University Homer
Stryker MD School of Medicine

"Dr. Joe Walbridge is interested in a career as a hospitalist. He loves the outdoors and spends his free time fly fishing, biking, hunting, skiing, backpacking, and canoeing, all of which can be done out his back door from the Gundersen resident housing. If ever he's bored and can't go outside he enjoys watching sports and prank-calling family and friends."

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**Garrett Weber, MD**

BS: University of Nebraska (Biological Sciences)

MD: University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine

"Dr. Garrett Weber plans to pursue a fellowship in hematology/oncology and

has a particular interest in public health and preventative medicine. He enjoys hockey, shooting, hiking, and fishing with his wife Tess and two lab mixes Mato and Buck."

**Alisha Ness, DO**

BS: College of St. Benedict (Nutrition)

DO: University of Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine

"Dr. Ness is thinking about a career as a hospitalist. Alisha enjoys baking, spending time with family and in the outdoors hiking."

**Sean O'Neil, MD**

BS: University of Wisconsin- La Crosse (Biology, Spanish)

MD: Medical College of Wisconsin

"Dr. O'Neil is interested in pursuing a career in Hematology and Oncology. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, biking, lifting, traveling, and spending time with his family."

**Kelsey Fischer, DO**

BS: St. Cloud State University (Biomedical Science, Communication Studies)

DO: Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine

"Dr. Fischer is passionate about a career in hematology and oncology. In her free time,

Kelsey loves to bake, garden, do puzzles, and spend time at the family cabin with her fiancé and yellow lab."

**James (Andy) Thurby, DO**

BS: Lebanon Valley College (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology)

DO: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine – Carolinas Campus

"Dr. Andy Thurby is interested in Cardiology. Other academic interests include human

longevity and metabolic changes throughout the life cycle. Away from the hospital Andy spends most of his leisure time with his wife and dog. He enjoys playing hockey and doing absolutely anything outside."

**Blake Jordan, DO**

BA: Carroll College (Biology)

DO: Pacific Northwest University - College of Osteopathic Medicine

"Dr. Blake Jordan is interested in practicing general internal medicine in a rural setting. In his free time he enjoys hiking, mountain

biking, fly fishing, skiing, reading, and spending time with friends."

**Christopher D Walden, MD, PhD**

BS: University of North Dakota (Biology)

PhD: University of North Dakota (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)

MD: University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

"Dr. Christopher Walden is interested in Hematology/Oncology. Chris' hobbies include spending time outdoors, designing and building furniture, and collecting and restoring old cars and trucks."

**Brett MacLeod, MD**

BS: University of Minnesota - Duluth (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)

MD: University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

"Dr. Brett MacLeod is interested in practicing in a rural setting. He enjoys board

games, reading, and spending time with his wife and kids."

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Courtney Wirtanen, MD

BS: University of Minnesota – Duluth
(Biology)

MD: University of Minnesota Medical School

“Dr. Courtney Wirtanen is interested in hospital medicine and Geriatrics. Courtney enjoys playing volleyball, hiking, reading,

and spending time with family and friends.”