

2022-2023 Gundersen Health System Internal Medicine Residents

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Brian Sowka, DO

BS: University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (Biology)

DO: A.T. Still University - Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Dr. Sowka is the internal medicine chief resident. He is interested in pursuing a fellowship in GI. He enjoys spending time

with family, camping, hiking, and fishing.”



Brady Nelson, MD

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

MD: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

“Dr. 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.”

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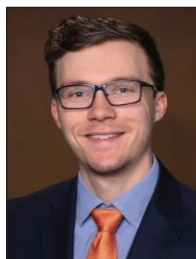
Matthew Eidenschink, MD

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

MD: University of Minnesota School of Medicine

“Dr. 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. Szlembarski is interested in a career in Rheumatology. Steve enjoys spending his free time with his wife, dog and cat. His hobbies include golfing, target shooting, skateboarding and hiking.”



Dominic Haddad, DO

BS: University of Wisconsin - La Crosse (Microbiology)

DO: University of Pikeville - Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Dr. 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. Subramaniam plans on working as a hospitalist. In her free time, she loves travel to new places, going on adventures and spending time with her family and friends.”



Louis Hahn, DO

BS: University of Kentucky (Biology)

DO: University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Dr. 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. 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. 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, son Calvin, 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 or hybrid. In her free time, she enjoys baking and going for walks with her twin daughters.”



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 or hospitalist medicine. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, biking, lifting,

traveling, and spending time with his family.”



James (Andy) Thurby, DO

BS: Lebanon Valley College (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology)
DO: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Carolinas Campus

“Dr. 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.”



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

PGY 2



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.”



Blake Jordan, DO

BA: Carroll College (Biology)
DO: Pacific Northwest University - College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Dr. 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.”

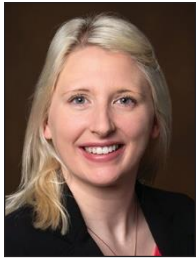


Brett MacLeod, MD

BS: University of Minnesota - Duluth (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)
MD: University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

“Dr. 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. Wirtanen is interested in hospital medicine and Geriatrics. Courtney enjoys playing volleyball, hiking, reading, and spending time with family and friends.”



Jake Deviley, MD
BS: University of Wisconsin - La
Crosse (Biology)
MD: Medical College of Wisconsin -
Green Bay

“Dr. Deviley plans to pursue fellowship following residency. In his spare time, he enjoys anything that gets him outdoors, including hunting, fishing, hiking, and being with family and friends.”

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Victoria Brucker, DO
Undergraduate: BS University of
Mary (Exercise Science)
Medical School: University of the
Incarnate Word School of
Osteopathic Medicine

“Dr. Brucker plans to pursue a fellowship in pulmonology/critical care following residency. In her spare time, she enjoys going for walks with family and friends, teaching or participating in group fitness classes, and baking cookies.”



Sarah Habte, MD
BS: University of Minnesota - twin
cities (Biology)
MD: Ross University School of
Medicine

“Dr. Habte enjoys watching soccer, going out for a long walk, shopping, making coffee, and spending time with my family and friends.”



Christopher Ehret, MD
BS: Pennsylvania State University
(Pre-Medicine)
MD: Pennsylvania State University
College of Medicine

“Dr. Ehret plans to pursue a fellowship in Hematology and Oncology. In his free time, Chris enjoys trail running, hiking, cross-country skiing, and spending time with his family and friends.”



Brooke Jennings, MD
BS: University of Iowa (Biology)
MD: University of Iowa Carver
College of Medicine

“Dr. Jennings plans to pursue a fellowship in hematology/oncology. In her spare time, she enjoys drawing, staying active in the gym and outdoors, and spending time with her husband and two golden retrievers.”



Mariah Mack, MD
BS: University of North Dakota
(Biology)
MD: University of North Dakota
School of Medicine and Health
Sciences

“Dr. Mack plans to pursue a fellowship in hematology and oncology. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, camping, and biking with her husband and Brittany Spaniel.”

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Farzan Rahmani, MD

BA: University of Illinois at Chicago
(Economics)

MD: Ross University School of
Medicine

“Dr. Rahmani is interested in both the inpatient and outpatient settings and specifically, enjoys discussions with patients

surrounding preventative medicine. In his spare time, he enjoys anything that keeps him active, including running, cycling, and table tennis. And of course, enjoys BBQ with family and friends!”



Amanda Wright, MD

BA: Wartburg College
(Neuroscience, Spanish,
Psychology)

MD: Medical College of Wisconsin -
Central Wisconsin

“Dr. Wright plans to pursue hospital-based or hybrid inpatient and outpatient medicine after

residency. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, singing, trying new recipes, hiking, and being with her family, friends, and pets.”