



Dr. Eli Eisman

This honor recognizes physicians-in-training for their exemplary patient care, leadership, community commitment, contributions to scholarly activity, and dedication to family medicine.

As we all can attest, a skilled medical resident isn't just a cog in the wheel, but a catalyst for change. With precision and empathy, these individuals bridge the gap between theory and practice, shaping the landscape of patient care. An effective resident doesn't just diagnose and treat; they inspire colleagues, comfort families, and empower patients. They embody the essence of healing, leaving an indelible mark on both the medical community and the lives they touch.

Over the years, we have honored many distinguished residents from across Michigan. This year, we are pleased to welcome another exemplary individual to their ranks Dr. Eli Eisman.

Dr. Eisman is currently finishing his post-doctoral residency in family medicine at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit following a distinguished academic career. At Michigan State University, he earned honors in the pursuit of two bachelor's degrees: one in biochemistry and molecular biology, and one in chemistry. He then went on to earn a Ph.D. in chemical biology at the University of Michigan, followed by a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University.

All this knowledge is a gift—not just for Dr. Eisman, whose accomplishments in the pursuit of learning have been extraordinary, but also for the individuals and families he has begun to serve in his new role as physician and caregiver. His work to date has proven his dedication to his patients, his community, and the practice of family medicine.

During his residency at the Henry Ford Hospital, Dr. Eisman has been a pioneer in street medicine, providing care to unsheltered people experiencing homelessness. He served as a board member of Detroit Street Care and, in this role, he supports public outreach and research that can help address the needs of this vulnerable population. His care and concern for unsheltered people knows no bounds, and his professional and personal gifts to them have been remarkable. When he's not on the job healing his neighbors, Dr. Eisman can be found acting as a reliable, steady volunteer serving them through his work in community farming, reforestation, and public health.

Just listen to the following testimony from one of Dr. Eisman's patients: "When he knocks and comes in the room, he lights it up like sunshine. He relaxes you right off with that smile under that mask. Mama said the eyes don't lie! He made me feel valued and seen and gave me the care I needed."

This extraordinary level of knowledge and care can't help but lead to numerous professional accolades. Dr. Eisman has earned multiple awards for his work with underserved people. He has published in peer-reviewed journals, delivered presentations, posters, and abstracts at the regional and national levels, and we are certain he will continue to use his many gifts for the good of his community, our state, and, indeed, the community of medicine.

He's already making his presence felt in organizations like MAFP, where he has served as our resident delegate to the AAFP national conference, participated in our member engagement committee, and been active in our inaugural cohort of the MAFP medical student mentorship program. His voice is already being heard as a leader in a variety of circles, and his impact will continue to grow with each passing decade of his career.