

2026 Michigan Family Medicine Resident of the Year — Dr. Kevin Suiter

The Michigan Family Medicine Resident of the Year Award recognizes a physician-in-training who exemplifies outstanding patient care, leadership, community commitment, scholarly contributions, and dedication to family medicine. This award honors a resident whose compassion, purpose, and commitment reflect the bright future of the specialty. This year, we are proud to recognize **Kevin Suiter, MD**.

Dr. Suiter has just completed his family medicine residency at the Corewell Health East Beaumont (Wayne) Program. As a chief resident, he has earned the respect of patients, peers, and faculty alike, through consistency, humility, and a clear commitment to doing the work well.

He cares for a diverse and medically complex patient population, and those who know him best describe a physician who pairs clinical skill with empathy, respect, and a deep commitment to listening. He is known for going beyond what is expected to help patients navigate barriers to care, coordinate follow-up, and stay engaged in treatment. In a healthcare environment that can often feel rushed or fragmented, Dr. Suiter brings something essential: presence.

His work also reflects the full breadth of family medicine. He has cared for patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings, developing the kind of versatility and relationship-centered approach that is at the heart of this specialty. Whether managing complex medical needs, coordinating continuity of care, or simply taking the extra time a patient needs, he has already shown the instincts and values of an outstanding family physician.

But what makes Dr. Suiter especially remarkable is that his leadership extends far beyond the exam room.

He has also represented his peers on the boards of both the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians and the Family Medicine Foundation of Michigan, contributing to conversations and decisions that affect primary care across our state. That kind of involvement speaks not only to his leadership ability, but to his commitment to family medicine as a profession and a calling.

Dr. Suiter is also deeply committed to helping others grow. Through his work with medical students and junior residents, he has demonstrated the same steadiness and encouragement that define his patient care and leadership.

And while residency is demanding under any circumstances, Dr. Suiter has balanced the challenges of training with the joys and responsibilities of raising two young children.

Throughout that time, his wife has been a steadfast partner, and it is especially meaningful that she is here with us this morning to share in this recognition. It is a reminder that achievements like these are often supported and celebrated by those closest to us.

In every part of his training, Dr. Suiter has shown what this specialty needs in its next generation: compassion, professionalism, and a deep sense of responsibility to patients, colleagues, and community.