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Evan Bischoff, DO
Family Medicine
Henry Ford Genesys Hospital

Approaches patient care with compassion, particularly for those who face barriers to accessing medical care.



Parul Chhatpar, DO, MPH
Addiction Medicine
Hackensack Meridian Health Jersey Shore University Medical Center

Works to promote health equity for patients and communities.



Brianne (Brie) Howerton, DO
Emergency Medicine
Corewell Health East/Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Dedicates herself to providing care to and advocating for underserved populations.



Jordan Little, DO
Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Draws on his personal journey as a cancer survivor to help patients reclaim their lives.



Sierra Maggard, DO
Pediatrics
Virginia Commonwealth University Children's Hospital of Richmond

Listens to and respects patients with compassionate care.



Marija Rowane, DO
Allergy and Immunology
Case Western Reserve University/ University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center

Promotes quality care and innovative research for the young and immunocompromised.



Alec Seei, DO
Anesthesiology
University of Nebraska Medical Center

Continuously improves his skills in the science of anesthesiology while mentoring medical students.



William Shin, DO
Neurology
Stony Brook University Hospital

Approaches each patient interaction with empathy, respect, and compassion.



Kyle Stumetz, DO
Radiology
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

Pairs diagnostic excellence with a deep commitment to his patients and colleagues.



Danielle Thor, DO
Internal Medicine
Jefferson Health

Strives to improve direct patient care that addresses physical, emotional, and psychosocial dimensions of health.



Alexa Vercelli, DO, PhD
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Guides families through uncertainty and supports them in making decisions aligned with their goals and beliefs.



Robert Wood, DO
Orthopedics
Samaritan Health Services

Champions compassionate, whole-patient care.

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