

ZACHARY BAESEMAN

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 2001

Zach Baseman grew-up in Edgar. He was the valedictorian of his high school class of 2001 and played in 3 state football championships. He earned his undergraduate degree summa cum laude from St. Norbert College in DePere, WI, studying biology, chemistry, and philosophy.

At St. Norbert College, Zach played football, sang in the Chamber Choir, was a founding father of a fraternity, and lead roles in two musicals, but most importantly he aligned his passion for service with his vocation to become a physician. Zach attended medical school at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison, WI. He took an extra year to obtain a Master of Public Health in Madison, WI. He focused his graduate research on rural healthcare and a health assessment of rural Wisconsin.

After completing a family medicine residency in Appleton, Zach completed a surgical obstetrics and faculty development fellowship in Seattle, Washington at the University of Washington. He is currently practicing full scope rural medicine in Waupaca and Wild Rose including inpatient hospital medicine, outpatient medicine, procedures, and obstetrics with operative deliveries. He currently serves as President of the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians Foundation. He is also an executive physician leader for his 8-hospital healthcare system and has led the expansion of opiate stewardship and addiction medicine/treatment within his healthcare system, founded a rural continuity residency clinic for training rural family physicians, established and directs a biannual Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics course in his healthcare system as a standard clinical approach to obstetrical emergencies. Currently he is working on cultural transformation within his healthcare system.

In his free time, Zach enjoys playing guitar, training and completing the American Birkebeiner (50- kilometer cross-country ski marathon in northern WI), being out in the woods, training his bird dog, and spending time with his family. He is very passionate about practicing rural full-scope family medicine, healing our sick healthcare system, and mentoring medical students and residents.