

# One of a kind care comes from one of a kind people

## Academic Affairs Resident Spotlight



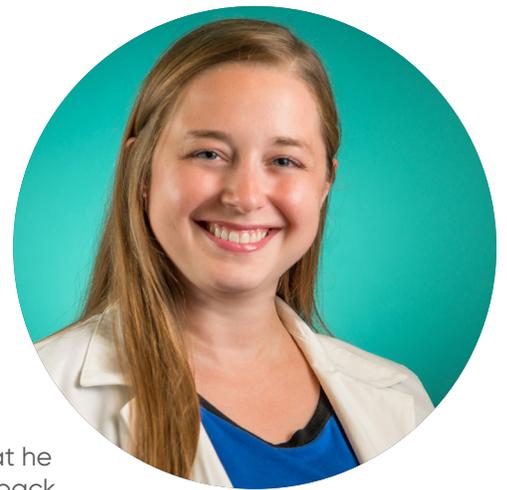
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### Specialty

Internal/Emergency Medicine

### School affiliation

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### Why did you become a healthcare provider?

My first experience with healthcare was watching M\*A\*S\*H with my parents after dinner every night. I was always impressed with Hawkeye; no matter what he went through, he always put the patient's care first. I worked as an ICU nurse back in Canada where I loved working with my patients and their families. I decided I wanted to understand more about what was happening medically and be more involved in the treatment team, with a focus to serve my patients in any way that I could.

### Why can patients count on you to provide extraordinary care?

I got into medicine for my patients, and I want to treat them holistically. We are all so much more than a diagnosis that we receive. I believe that the care I provide needs to see the whole person, not just a number. I am always striving to be a better physician tomorrow than I was today. I also believe strongly in utilizing the skills of my fellow team members - every healthcare provider has a special knowledge or strength that will benefit the patient when we all work together.

### What's your little something extra?

While I was growing up, I was involved in theatre and film. One of my favorite memories was when I hosted a summer television spot on a family channel many years ago. When I wasn't performing, I was involved in outdoor survival training with my high school prior to joining the Canadian Forces as a medic, and then becoming an ICU nurse. I feel like I've worn many hats in my life so far, and I believe that helps me relate to my patients and their family no matter the situation or circumstance.