

Andrew (Drew) Zinkel, MD, MBA, Recognized as a Visionary Leader in Healthcare Innovation and Education

Transforming Emergency Medicine Through Clinical Excellence and Business Acumen



Minneapolis, Minnesota Dec 3, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Minneapolis, Minnesota – Andrew (Drew) Zinkel, MD, MBA, stands at the forefront of healthcare innovation, combining his extensive clinical expertise with a strong foundation in business leadership. As an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Minnesota, Drew is not only dedicated to teaching the next generation of

healthcare professionals but is also driving transformative changes in medical quality management and patient safety.

Drew's commitment to education is evident in his role as the founder and director of the first fellowship in medical quality management and patient safety within emergency medicine. This pioneering program is designed to equip fellows with the necessary skills to enhance patient care and contribute to research in healthcare quality. "I enjoy having a positive impact on people's lives even when they are seeing me on what might be the worst day of their life," Drew explains. "No two days will ever be the same, and that variety fuels my passion for emergency medicine."

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Drew actively participates in shaping policy at the University of Minnesota as a Faculty Senator, promoting collaboration across various schools and departments. His influence extends beyond the classroom, as he also holds an affiliate professorship at the University of Minnesota Medical School and serves as a Senior Lecturer on Healthcare Delivery Innovations at the Carlson School of Management. Here, he contributes to the dialogue on the intersection of medicine and business, fostering innovative solutions to modern healthcare challenges.

Drew's entrepreneurial spirit shines through his leadership roles beyond academia. As the Founder and CEO of Accelerance Healthcare Advising and a Venture Partner at NextGen Venture Partners, he advises startups on strategy, scaling, and innovation across diverse sectors such as clinical practice, medical devices, digital healthcare, and population health. His holistic approach ensures that new ventures are not only innovative but also aligned with the needs of patients and healthcare providers.

Drew's educational journey began with a Medical Degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, followed by an Emergency Medicine residency at the University of Illinois Chicago. He further enhanced his expertise with an MBA in Medical Industry Leadership and Entrepreneurship from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management, and completed the Executive Program in Strategy and Innovation through the MIT Sloan School of Management, as well as the Senior Executive Program in Venture Capital and Private Equity at Columbia Business School.

A Diplomate of both the American Board of Emergency Medicine and the American Board of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, Drew is a recognized leader in his field. His accolades include the MNACEP President's Award, the HealthPartners Government and Community Relations VUCA Emergency Alliance Award, and recognition as an Emerging Leader in Healthcare.

Outside of his medical and business pursuits, Drew is a dedicated champion of arts and culture. He serves as Medical Director for the Guthrie Theater and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Children's Museum, while remaining actively involved in several nonprofit arts organizations. Through this work, he explores the powerful intersection of art and medicine, creating innovative curricula that blend leadership, creativity, and compassionate patient care.

Andrew (Drew) Zinkel is more than a physician; he is a visionary leader committed to transforming healthcare through education, innovation, and community impact. His work not only enhances emergency medicine but also inspires future leaders to think creatively about the challenges facing healthcare today.

Learn more about Andrew (Drew) Zinkel:

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