Andrew (Drew) Zinkel, MD, MBA: Connecting Emergency Medicine, Healthcare Innovation, and Executive Leadership

Physician Executive, Educator, and Entrepreneur Advances Patient Safety, Medical Education, and Healthcare Innovation Through a Multidisciplinary Approach



Minneapolis, Minnesota Nov 3, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - Andrew (Drew) Zinkel, MD, MBA, is a physician executive, entrepreneur, and educator whose work bridges emergency medicine, healthcare innovation, business strategy, and community engagement. As an Associate Professor of Emergency

Medicine at the University of Minnesota, he teaches medical students, residents, and fellows while mentoring future healthcare leaders. He founded and directs the first fellowship in medical quality management and patient safety within emergency medicine, developing educational curricula that advance patient care and research in healthcare quality.

Beyond his academic responsibilities, Drew serves as a Faculty Senator, contributing to university policy and collaboration across academic departments. His professional interests extend into entrepreneurship and venture leadership. As Founder and CEO of Accelerance Healthcare Advising and a Venture Partner at NextGen Venture Partners, he advises startups on strategy, growth, and innovation across clinical practice, medical devices, digital healthcare, and population health. His work focuses on translating complex clinical insights into practical business and operational strategies that improve healthcare delivery.

Drew earned his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed his emergency medicine residency and chief residency at the University of Illinois Chicago. He subsequently earned an MBA from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, with a focus on medical industry leadership and entrepreneurship. His executive education includes the Senior Executive Program in Venture Capital and Private Equity at Columbia Business School and the Executive Program in Strategy and Innovation at MIT Sloan School of Management. He is board-certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine and the American Board of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine.

His contributions have earned recognition through the Minnesota ACEP President's Award, the HealthPartners Government and Community Relations VUCA Emergency Alliance Award, and the Leaders in Health Care Emerging Leader distinction. His publications address subjects ranging from emergency medicine and clinical safety to healthcare value and community well-being.

Outside medicine and business, Drew is committed to 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 supporting nonprofit arts initiatives. These roles reflect his interest in connecting creativity, leadership, and patient care through interdisciplinary education.

What Drew values most about practicing medicine is the opportunity to make a positive impact on people's lives, particularly when they are experiencing one of their most difficult days. He also appreciates the variety of emergency medicine, where each day brings different challenges. Through his clinical, academic, entrepreneurial, and philanthropic work, he remains committed to improving healthcare, educating future leaders, and strengthening communities.

Learn more about Dr. Andrew (Drew) Zinkel:

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