



*Dr. Michael Kuhlenschmidt*  
*Education Service Award*

Dr. Michael Kuhlenschmidt works in the Department of Internal Medicine at Christie Clinic in Mahomet, is a Clinical Instructor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Medicine, and a Clinical Assistant Professor at Carle Illinois College of Medicine. He was recognized for his exceptional teaching services to medical students and residents and as a role model of the finest qualities of a primary care physician in our community. Despite a very busy primary care practice, he is committed to teaching and provides expert instruction to residents including instruction on biostatistics and is consistently available to support medical students and residents in all manner of instruction, guidance and mentoring.

Dr. Kuhlenschmidt earned his MD from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 2015. After earning a Bachelor's in Engineering from the University of Illinois with the intent of becoming a practicing engineer, he became interested in pursuing medicine after working as a lifeguard and going through EMT training through which he found he liked making a direct difference in people's health and well-being. By combining the problem-solving aspects of engineering with the health and wellness aspects of first responder training during his medical training, he knew he had found his passion.

Dr. Kuhlenschmidt believes in evidence-based treatment, investing time to understand the latest medical treatment and recommendations to translate those into realistic care plans for patients. He believes it is important to create a partnership with his patients for their successful treatment.

Dr. Kuhlenschmidt is a lifelong resident of Champaign-Urbana and is an active and dedicated part of the community. He and his wife, Megan, are raising their three children, Finn, Patrick, and Annalise, here. He spends his free time with his family preferring outdoor activities such as going to parks, swimming, bike rides or walks in the neighborhood. The family are animal lovers with three rescue dogs and a very patient cat. They are also Cubs fans and follow the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pittsburgh Penguins.