

2024 Copic/MMA Humanitarian Award:

Dr. Tori Bahr

Copic and the Minnesota Medical Association Foundation (MMA) are proud to announce that Dr. Tori Bahr is the 2024 recipient of the Copic/MMA Humanitarian Award. Dr. Bahr is an internal medicine-pediatrics physician recognized for her dedication to medically-complex children and their families.



Dr. Bahr provides holistic, coordinated care to children and youth with medical complexity across Minnesota. After joining the complex care team at Gillette Children's, she recognized the challenges faced by her pediatric patients transitioning to adult care. She established a healthcare transition within her practice but recognized it wasn't sustainable or equitable, as only her patients benefited. She knew 70% of Minnesota youth did not receive necessary transition services according to data from the 2022 National Survey of Children's Health.

In response, Dr. Bahr launched an initiative to improve the healthcare transition process for youth with medical complexity in Minnesota. Her work addresses critical service gaps across pediatric and adult health systems. Her efforts have been conducted outside her paid role at Gillette Children's or offered as an unpaid contribution beyond her clinical duties.

Dr. Bahr's advocacy includes organizing a roundtable discussion to address systemic barriers in transitions in collaboration with the Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council, the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Minnesota Department of Health. She also partnered with the Minnesota Medical Association to secure funding from Copic Medical Foundation for a "Transitioning Youth with Medical Complexity to Adult Care" ECHO series, where she served as

medical director. Following its success, she co-led a 15-month Health Care Transition Learning Collaborative with the National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health, facilitating multiple sessions and summits.

In addition, Dr. Bahr has contributed to medical education surrounding transition care, including developing a MedPeds Transition elective for the University of Minnesota Medical School. She's also active in the community, organizing the Inpatient Twin Cities Transition Quality Improvement Collaborative with providers from multiple institutions to help young adults with medical complexity navigate their first hospitalization outside a children's hospital.

The recipient of this award is asked to designate a \$10,000 donation from Copic to be provided to a healthcare-related nonprofit organization within their community. Dr. Bahr chose Gillette Children's.

Each year the Copic/MMA Humanitarian Award recognizes a physician for volunteer medical services and contributions to their community. Dr. Bahr received the Copic Humanitarian Award on September 27 at the Minnesota Medical Association Annual Conference. The award is presented jointly by MMA and Copic, MMA's endorsed medical liability insurance carrier.

To learn more about the Copic Humanitarian Award or to nominate a physician, visit our website: www.copic.com/about-copic/copic-humanitarian-award or email Laura Wadleigh at lwadleigh@copic.com.