

Member Profile September 2021



NAME: **Todd Schaffer**

Undergraduate School: **North Dakota State University**

Medical School: **University of North Dakota**

Residency: **Altru Family Medicine Residency**

Any additional training: **PharmD from NDSU; Masters in Strategic Studies from U.S. Army War College**

Current Position/Practice Location: **Clinic Vice President, Sanford Health Bismarck**

Family: **Married, 4 daughters, 1 grandson with 2 granddaughters on the way**

Family Medicine Questions:

1. Why did you choose Family Medicine? **I really enjoyed my education going through medical school. I could see myself doing each specialty. By electing family medicine, I would be able to do that, caring for patients from birth to death regardless of their issues. I also wanted to practice in a small town and family medicine allowed that.**
2. What is the best part of your current position/practice? **I still pick up shifts in the walk in clinic here in Bismarck, but I don't see patients as regularly as I once did. As the VP of the Clinic, I am intimately involved in operations for all physicians. So even though I am not practicing every day, I am still able to make a difference in people lives.**
3. What advice would you give to a young physician starting out? **Take advantages to every opportunity afforded to you. You never know whom you will meet or what you will do. Eventually, those opportunities open up additional opportunities later in life. Not everything you do should, or needs to be, compensated. Sometimes, doing the right thing for the right reasons is much more rewarding than money.**

Fun Questions:

1. The last book you read? **Battlefields: The Fight to Defend the Free World by H.R. McMaster**
2. What are you currently binge watching? **House Hunters International**
3. How many states have you visited? **43 and 5 continents**

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