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Michal Ruprecht is a health journalist and fourth-year medical student at Wayne State University School of Medicine. He is the 2025 AAAS Mass Media Fellow at NPR and the Stanford University School of Medicine Global Health Media Fellow. He will join the Journalism Program this fall as part of the master's cohort, followed by an internship at CNN Health.

He is particularly interested in how disruptive medical journalism improves scientific and medical understanding. He previously interned at ABC News, MedPage Today and the American Public Health Association.

At ABC News, he led coverage of maternal mortality among Black women, childhood bereavement and gun violence. While at MedPage, he was the first reporter to cover Stanford's incoming class of surgery residents, highlighting the attention they received for being nearly all women. He also published an investigation into the widespread culture of piracy among medical students.

Prior to that, Michal was a beat reporter, assistant editor and investigative reporter for The Michigan Daily, the University of Michigan's independent daily student newspaper. At The Daily, he spearheaded a seven-month investigation into the culture of silence among student researchers and led the paper's research beat.

Beyond reporting, Michal was an Association of Health Care Journalists American Cities Health Journalism Fellow and serves on the Society of Professional Journalists Student Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Association of Health Care Journalists Membership Committee and was a STAT News Summit Fellow.

His research explores interventions rooted in equity and inclusion to drive positive change in underserved communities.

Michal graduated with honors and a B.S. in neuroscience from the University of Michigan in 2022, where he leveraged community action and social change to partner with individuals affected by the Flint water crisis. He wrote his senior thesis on a membrane protein and created three ceramic sculptures of the channel.

Michal is a member of the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society. He serves on the boards of the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Riley's Way Foundation.

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