A group of students at the Central Michigan University College of Medicine have helped launch a statewide campaign to spread awareness about suicide in the medical field. The medical schools at University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University, and Michigan State University are collaborating on the initiative. Together, they will hold a weeklong series of presentations and discussions intended to promote mental health and inform the medical community about suicide risk. “The main purpose of the event is to bring awareness to physician and medical student suicide,” said student Joseph Nowatzke. “This subset of the population has a higher rate of suicide than the average population. It is something that most people are not aware of.”

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