

About HMS FMRP

Hidalgo Medical Services, serving Grant and Hidalgo counties of SWNM, has been a rural training site for over 20 years, offering rural rotation training experiences for medical students and residents, as well as dental residents and other health care disciplines from sponsoring institutions nationwide. In 2010, under a workforce grant awarded by the Office of Rural Health Policy, the workforce staff at HMS began the journey of developing a 1+2 family medicine residency program. Implementation of the promising Teaching Health Center 2/2/2 model at Hidalgo Medical Services is a perfect solution to addressing primary care shortages in southwest New Mexico. Improved recruitment in Silver City will reduce vacancy periods, thereby decreasing patient wait time and increasing the number of patients who will be able to access primary care services. Training in the community will produce culturally competent primary care providers who are more aware of the unique challenges and lifestyles in rural New Mexico communities. Increased retention rates will also improve continuity and quality of care, and provide an environment wherein community members can develop long-term relationships with a single provider.

HMS utilized existing expertise in the Silver City community to develop its faculty roster. Seasoned professionals with permanent ties to the community have become part of the program's faculty roster. The program became accredited as a sponsoring institution in May of 2013 and HMS recruited its inaugural resident class of two second-year (PGY2) residents in Silver City to launch the program effective July 1, 2013.

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The 1+2 Rural Approach

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Family Medicine Training in Silver City

The HMS Family Medicine Residency Program is specifically designed in the “1+2” format to offer top quality training at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces during the intern year, followed by a two-year family medicine residency training experience at Hidalgo Medical Services in the rural communities of southwest New Mexico. This ACGME-accredited program has been specifically tailored to provide unsurpassed expertise in rural and frontier family medicine and is the first program to receive teaching health center designation in New Mexico.

Graduate medical education at Hidalgo Medical Services is conducted to ensure the following successes:

- ⇒ Provide a critical part of the continuum of educational experiences for students engaged in medical education
- ⇒ Assist the State of New Mexico in meeting the statewide need for skilled and competent practicing physicians, as well as attempting to help meet workforce needs regionally and nationally
- ⇒ Meet the demands for graduate medical education placed on graduates of the UNM School Of Medicine and other schools of medicine of its caliber;
- ⇒ Assure that resident education addresses the importance of quality patient care and patient safety
- ⇒ Encourage ongoing review of current strategies in education and patient care through research endeavors
- ⇒ Assure that this family medicine training program provides educational experiences that are sensitive to the unique multicultural environment of New Mexico, while meeting or exceeding the standards of quality Care and professionalism



What Makes Our Program Unique?

- ⇒ Focus on Rural Training with assistance from other specialties at UNM and telemedicine programs like Project ECHO
- ⇒ Protected Education Time – One day of didactics and scholarly activity per week, focusing on robust lecture topics and activities
- ⇒ Modern Training Facility – Brand new 30,000 Square-Foot facility
- ⇒ Intimate Continuity Clinic Environment - Because the program only accept two residents per academic year, each resident is supported by the entire medical team and guaranteed a well-rounded, full spectrum experience with exposure to diverse and unusual cases
- ⇒ 1.3 Residents to One Faculty Ratio
- ⇒ Unopposed Training with no competition for procedures and full access to Attending Physicians
- ⇒ Richness of Culture – Southwest New Mexico boasts a very diverse population and residents will develop an ability to understand, communicate with and effectively interact with patients across many cultures



Curriculum

Year One at Memorial Medical Center

- ◆ Care of the Older Adult
- ◆ Obstetrics
- ◆ Inpatient Pediatrics
- ◆ Family Medicine Inpatient Service
- ◆ Outpatient Pediatric Clinic
- ◆ Inpatient Behavioral Health
- ◆ Night Float

Years Two and Three in Silver City

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| ◆ Behavioral Health | ◆ Obstetrics Inpatient |
| ◆ Cardiology | ◆ Physical Therapy |
| ◆ Community Health Orientation | ◆ Otolaryngology |
| ◆ Dermatology | ◆ Pediatric Inpatient Service |
| ◆ Emergency Department | ◆ Pediatrics Outpatient Service |
| ◆ Electives/ Selectives | ◆ Podiatry |
| ◆ Evidence Based Medicine | ◆ Radiology |
| ◆ Family Medicine Outpatient Service | ◆ Sports Medicine |
| ◆ Geriatrics | ◆ Surgery |
| ◆ Gynecology Outpatient / Women's Health | ◆ Health Policy |
| ◆ Newborn Nursery | ◆ Practice Management |
| | ◆ Pulmonology |
| | ◆ Orthopedics |