

NEWSLETTER

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Where Our Residents Have Been!

Dermatology

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY3 Chief Resident Physician

Working with Dr. Arizaga in his dermatology clinic was one of the most rewarding experiences of my residency thus far. Dr. Arizaga is a caring and competent clinician who is passionate about caring for the whole patient. It was an honor to be allowed into his clinic and to watch his interactions with his patients. I came out of this experience with not only a stronger foundation of knowledge for evaluating and treating dermatological pathology but also with a greater understanding of how important it is to listen to your patients and recognize what aspects of their lives are also effecting their health. A big thank you to Dr. Arizaga and his support staff for your kindness. - Brandon

Rural SMASH Rotation with Inpatient Medicine

Dr. Patel, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

SMASH rotation is a great experience for residents to see all the surrounding clinics that HMS has created. I had a unique and fulfilling experience going to Cliff, Bayard, Mimbres and Lordsburg where I saw a variety of illnesses, some that I have not even seen here in Silver City! Thanks to the PA's, CNP's, and Dr. Santiago who were willing to teach while I was there. I spent the second part of rotation on inpatient medicine and would like to thank Dr. Duran for letting me work with him one on one. He gave me great autonomy when taking care of patients and I enjoyed the experience of dealing with acutely ill patients. - Neel

Community Health

Susan Bauer, D.O.

PGY2 Resident Physician

I was working on community medicine, meeting with many people who help us maintain the health and wellness of our area patients. I was able to learn about the Department of Public Health, WIC, and Southwest Center for Health Innovation, the Gospel Mission, and was able to work with clinic providers around the area. Thank you to everyone who was willing and able to meet with me and for all the work they contribute to the health of our community! - Susan

Resident Roster

Class of 2018



Brandon Ferguson, MD

Neel Patel, MD

Class of 2019



Susan Bauer, DO

Pedro Armendariz, MD

Class of 2020



Rory Keys, M.D

Roberto Agüero, M.D

In Training at MMC



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Behavioral Health

Pedro Armendariz, M.D

PGY2 Resident Physician

This past block, I was in Mental Health and it really flew by! I had the opportunity to work with several great providers. Thank you to Danielle Maier PMHNP, Dr. Neal Bowen, Dr. Carol Hunter and Dr. Dawn Brett for taking time out of your busy schedules to allow me the opportunity to work with you and help me gain a better understanding of mental health. I believe it will make me a better doctor by understanding the role that it plays in my patients and I appreciate it. Special thanks to the Forward New Mexico Program for allowing me to lead the piglet dissection. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors. -Pedro

Orientation Rotation

Roberto Aguero, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician

In Training at MMC

This past block was orientation here at Family Medicine in Las Cruces. Everyone at Memorial Medical Center has been very welcoming and friendly. I am looking forward to the next year here with my co-interns. We have formed a very cohesive group, and we are all willing to help each other out. The chief residents Drs. Oushy and Romero have gone above and beyond make sure that all of our needs and concerns were met and that we were having the opportunities to get acclimated to the new facilities and the various electronic medical records. Outside of the day to day work, we have taken advantage of the beautiful Organ Mountains by hiking together as a group and exploring our new surroundings. I would like to thank the faculty and staff here at Memorial Medical and Family Medicine for doing an excellent job in preparing us for our advanced life-saving, help us navigate our way around the new hospital and Las Cruces, and making us feel like a welcome part of this community. -Roberto

Orientation Rotation

Rory Keys, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician

In Training at MMC

Orientation was helpful in getting accustomed to the flow of the hospital and clinic in getting familiar with the electronic medical records. Most of all, it was great getting to know my fellow residents that I will spend the rest of the year with. We got the opportunity to shadow for four days, which was helpful. Every resident was willing to offer input and guidance. I want to give a special thanks to the chief residents Dr. Romero and Dr. Oushy for being very available to help with anything. Dr. Gupta also stuck out as one of the residents who was very willing to help. He accompanied us on our tour of the wound clinic and sat down with us afterwards to offer tips on surviving intern year and residency. Also, Mrs. Madrid was very helpful and available to us as we all ran around not knowing what to do. -Rory

Residents and Faculty Attend the AAFP National Conference in Kansas City, MO

The AAFP National Conference is the place for residents and medical students to learn more about family medicine, explore residency programs, and connect with potential residency programs. Our senior residents Dr. Neel Patel and Dr. Brandon Ferguson, along with our Mental Health Faculty, Dr. Neal Bowen attended this annual conference hosted by the American Association for Family Physicians.



Left: HMSFMRP Faculty Dr. Neal Bowen and Resident Dr. Neel Patel Middle: Third Year residents Dr. Brandon Ferguson and Dr. Neel Patel Right: Dr. Patel interacting with a prospective resident interested in our program.

Dr. Armendariz Leads Piglet Dissection for Students enrolled in the ForwardNM Smash Academy Summer Program.



First Year Residents Getting Acquainted with Life in Las Cruces



*Above: Residents came across this Black-Tail Rattle Snake on a hike in the Organ Mountains.
Below: Residents enjoying the landscape surrounding Las Cruces during their time off. Dr. Roberto Agüero in the middle.*