

NEWSLETTER

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Where Our Residents Have Been!

Emergency Medicine

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

Thumbs up to the Emergency Department at Gila Regional Medical Center! During my Emergency Medicine rotation, I received this comment from my husband, "Every time you come home from an ED shift you are really happy and pumped!" To be honest, I didn't realize that was the case considering the amount of unknown the when it comes to ED. There is always the surprise factor that may come through the door. There are also chills to the spine when the ambulance calls and asks for an update on a patient's condition. For the most part, the ED can be all or nothing. From my end, it is pretty much all. I have never been on a quiet ED shift. There are always at least a couple of codes, a descent amount of procedures and some other critical conditions. I personally enjoyed working with the ED doctors, PA's and nursing staff. They all have a great energy. The doctors are very enthusiastic and prompted to teach. I cannot be happier when I find a teacher eager to teach! This last month it was amazing to see how far along as a resident I have come. There is a sense of pride that I can't help but have. Whenever I think of my first shift in the ED at UNM Hospital and I compare to my last shift at GRMC, it feels so good. There is not enough gratitude for me to express to everyone who has taken on the responsibility of teaching us. I can promise that one day I will do the same for others. Sometimes we forget that medicine is more than a specialty. It is also an art. The art of listening, guiding, informing and offering support to people in the most vulnerable possible states. This is even more noticeable in the ED. Thank you to everyone who helped me last month to reach another millstone in my training. - Magda

Surgery

Dr. Labranche, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

My Block#5 Surgery rotation helped improve my understanding of the management of surgical diseases such as gastric reflux disease, gallbladder disease and colon pathology in the outpatient setting. I had the chance to follow both Dr. Odocha and Dr. Friedman. Each offered to me valuable learning points for a family medicine resident. I was fortunate to have the chance to immediately implement what I learned in my own clinic. There was also plenty of opportunity to spend time in the operating room with the surgeons. The learning at that time was also great. I also had the chance to be involved in some interesting cases. I appreciated and accepted the professional advice that was given about billing, career decisions and more. The bedside manner of the surgeons both inpatient and outpatient was noteworthy as well. The surgical rotation was overall a good experience and practical for the enhancement of my clinical skills. - Lynda

Resident Roster

Class of 2017



Magda Ramirez, MD

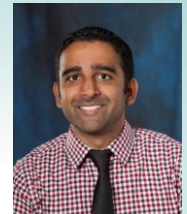


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Obstetrics

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

I had an excellent time on my OB/GYN rotation this past month. There is nothing quite as amazing as welcoming new life into the world and it was an honor to be able to attend deliveries with Dr. Nwachuku and his patients. I learned so much rounding with Dr. Nwachuku in the hospital, working with him in the operation room and participating in patient care at his clinic. Dr. Nwachuku is not only a knowledgeable and skilled Obstetrician and Gynecologist; he is also an absolute pleasure to work with. He spends most of his days laughing which is the one contagious thing that is ok to pick up while visiting the doctor. I am grateful for this past month and offer a huge thanks to all the providers, staff and patients at Cassie Women's Health Center for allowing me to work with you. - Brandon

Behavioral Health

Dr. Patel, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

Mental Health is such practical field in Family Medicine and I'm excited to start applying what I learned last month while rotating with the Behavioral Health team at HMS. Thanks to Dani Maier CNP, Dr. Brett, and Dr. Bowen for guiding me through the many hurdles of mental health care. I gained knowledge not only in medication management, but integrative care and motivational interviewing as well. I look forward to my time there in the future and am eager to start utilizing everything I've learned. - Neel

Float

Susan Bauer, D.O.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at MMC

For my Block #5 rotation, I was on night float. The residency is trying a new float system where our float people are working 8-8 instead of 6-6. This was done to help transition care between day & night shift. Working 8-8 was great as getting to see the sun is always better! We also had our ITE exam during this block. Which I hope went well. I had a great month working alongside our family medicine team and helping them coordinate care for patients. - Susan

Family Medicine Inpatient Service

Mario Campos, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician. In Training at MMC

For Block #5 I was again on the busy inpatient Family Medicine Service at Memorial Medical Center. This was my second month on this rotation and this time I was more comfortable with patient care, our electronic medical records software, and the hospital in general. We saw some very interesting cases over the past month and we are getting much better at managing several patients at the same time. There is never a dull moment on FMS at MMC and there is always something new to learn from the senior residents and the attendings. Overall, it was a great month filled with many educational experiences and memorable moments. - Mario

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