

NEWSLETTER

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Where Our Residents Have Been!

Dermatology

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

Dermatology with Dr. Arizaga was a real treat. His passion and kindness made this one of the most interesting rotations. He trained me how to identify each skin lesion by their shape, color, characteristics and distribution. By going through this process, you are more likely not to miss a diagnosis or even better let the patient with skin lesions go without proper treatment. Of course there is more to be said about his clinical skills. He has pasión for humans in general and goes beyond the treatment of skin problems. He gets to the root of stress and anxiety. He listens to his patients and gives them the time to talk. Thank you Dr Arizaga. I always will be very grateful for your time. - Magda

Family Medicine Inpatient Service at MMC

Dr. Labranche, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

My learning experience during Block#6 at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces was an opportunity to further hone my inpatient skills. During the month, I worked in a team as the senior resident; the role involved helping interns at family medicine residency program in Las Cruces manage patients on the hospital floor. In this capacity, I gained additional skills with leadership and understanding of how to manage very ill patients from multiple attending's prospective. The depth and width of learning was more than adequate given the large service. Through reading of journal articles and teaching from the attendings on the floor, I had the chance to re-enforce my understanding of the physiological processes and management of congestive heart failure, pneumonia, sepsis, respiratory failure, pancreatitis and much more. The opportunity to manage complex social situations ranging from palliative care to homelessness was great. Although, there are some challenges with learning a new hospital system, the chance to complete this rotation was very valuable both for learning medicine and improving professional and leadership skills. It was also a pleasure to see the staff at MMC FMRP dedicated to all the learners and the patients. - Lynda

Care of the Older Adult

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

Geriatrics was a wonderful rotation. I had an amazing time working with Horizon Hospice and Amber Care. It was a humbling experience to be able to enter patient's homes with the hospice nurses and be able to participate in end of life care. One of the things I love most about Family Medicine is the ability to care for patients of all ages. I definitely came away from this rotation with a new perspective and with many skills that I look forward to putting into practice. - Brandon

Pediatric Outpatient Clinic

Dr. Patel, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

I recently finished my pediatrics rotation and would like to thank the providers at HMS school based clinics and Dr. Johnson for a great experience. Pediatrics encompasses so many psychosocial issues on top of general medicine and I'm glad I had a chance to learn about these during my month long rotation. I really enjoyed the diversity of patients that we saw, from newborns to adolescents, and found new ways to interact with kids of all ages. With pediatrics being such a critical component of family medicine, I'm looking forward to using everything I learned when I see patients in my own clinic. - Neel

Resident Roster

Class of 2017



Magda Ramirez, MD

Lynda Labranche, MD

Class of 2018



Brandon Ferguson, MD

Neel Patel, MD

Class of 2019



Susan Bauer, DO

Mario Campos, MD

In Training at MMC



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Obstetrics & Pediatrics

Susan Bauer, D.O.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at MMC

Last month I was working on OB and Pediatrics which is newborn infants. We had some interesting cases of newborn jaundice, as well as bronchiolitis. I was also able to assist in multiple deliveries, some of which had some common complications. I was lucky enough to get the weekend after Thanksgiving off, and spent the weekend at the Carlsbad Caverns!

Psychiatry

Mario Campos, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician. In Training at MMC

For Block #6 I worked with the inpatient psychiatrist Dr. Mota at Memorial Medical Center. I spent 3 weeks with him seeing patients in the Emergency Department, consulting on patients with psychiatric issues on the medical floors, and rounding on the 12 bed inpatient psychiatric unit. I learned a lot about the acute management of chronic psychiatric illnesses, substance abuse, and psychiatric evaluations. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this rotation and was glad to be able to work alongside such an experienced and talented psychiatrist. - Mario



HMS FMRP Welcomes New Faculty Member Dr. Virginia Hernandez

Dr. Hernandez is a native of California. Born in Fresno and raised in the small rural farming community of Reedley, she is the second youngest of seven children. Dr. Hernandez is very proud to have become the first Physician in her family. During her formative years, Dr. Hernandez worked as a farm laborer; during her breaks from school, she picked oranges during the winter and picked grapes in the hot, summer sun.

Dr. Hernandez attended Reedley High school and graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles, (UCLA) with a degree in Psycho-Biology. She attended St. Matthews University School of Medicine in the Caribbean, and completed clerkships in both Chicago, Illinois and Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Hernandez began

her Family Medicine residency at the University of Illinois in Springfield. After completing her Family Medicine residency in 2012, Dr. Hernandez practiced with an urgent care center and walk-in clinic, until she accepted a locum tenens position with the Indian Health Service (IHS), San Carlos Apache Indian Hospital, located in Arizona. She accepted this position in the fall of 2013, and later served as a Medical Officer, with the IHS' Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, New Mexico. Throughout her medical career, Dr. Hernandez has always wanted to provide services to patients in medically underserved communities. Her own childhood and family experiences, which included a lack of access to care and language barriers, instilled in her the desire to become a Family Physician in a rural community. As a Family Physician, it is Dr. Hernandez's mission to successfully assist in the retention and training of physicians who serve rural communities, while continuing to promote legislative changes in the State of New Mexico to finally resolve physician shortages.

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