

NEWSLETTER

July 2016 Edition



Where Our Residents Have Been!

Emergency Medicine

Dr. Schumacher, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

My final month in Residency Training was spent in the Emergency Department at GRMC at the side of Dr. Allred and Dr. Woodbury gleaned every last bit of information possible regarding my chosen field of emergency medical practice as I move forward in my career. We were heavily involved in honing procedural skills, establishing algorithms for the most common types of complaints and symptoms, and evaluating the proper use and application of resources to best serve our patients in what is often their greatest hour of need. In this closing Newsletter I would like to offer a final thank you to the entire community of health care providers of Silver City who have graciously allowed residents to enter their practices, to learn their skills, and gain from their knowledge and experience. I have appreciated each of you on a very personal level for your gifts of time and knowledge....you know who you are. We as graduating residents, will go forward better trained and better prepared to face the world of medicine as a direct result of your energy spent on our behalf. Thank you! - Alan

Family Medicine/ Labor and Delivery at Memorial Medical Center

Dr. Seltzer, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

I had another lovely and productive month at Memorial Medical Center with the Family Medicine service, as well as their Nurse Midwives, OBs, and Nursing staff. I greatly appreciated the opportunities in the delivery rooms and ORs, the trust of the team, and the teaching from attendings, particularly the nurse midwives and pediatrician Dr. Lichtenfels. I'd strongly recommend this rotation and feel I learned a lot to bring back home and practice here. - Rachel

Obstetrics

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

Obstetrics with Dr. Nwachuku was one of my more hands on rotations so far. He has so many years of experience and likes to share it with a learner. He has a very happy personality, always on the go and is a very well rounded human being. I am not sure how I was able to keep up with him! Maybe I didn't. He has a full schedule and never seems to be tired. I was able to perform procedures and learn about gynecology and family planning. He takes time to give you lessons for life but also lessons to learn about the humanity of practicing medicine in a rural environment. He is a great advisor for teens in the community and loves to help his colleagues. As Dr. Nwachuku mentioned to me, it's about good communication and being happy and respectful with others. Thank you Dr. Nwachuku! The learning experienced was something I will remember with a happy smile. - Magda

Resident Roster

Class of 2016



Alan Schumacher, MD

Rachel Seltzer, MD

Class of 2017



Magda Ramirez, MD

Lynda Labranche, MD

Class of 2018



Brandon Ferguson, MD

Neel Patel, MD

In Training at UNM



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International Elective to Namibia

Dr. Labranche, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

During my last block of my second year of residency, I was given the opportunity to do a global health rotation. I traveled to Epikuro, Namibia, a remote location northwest of South Africa. It was exciting to experience medical care from a third world perspective. Furthermore, my time was spent with the very marginalized San Bushmen tribes. Most of my time was spent working in the non-profit Lifeline Clinic targeting groups of very unfortunate people. Patients travelled from near and afar to receive care mainly for tuberculosis, skin infections, acute diarrhea and other respiratory infections. We treated a fair amount of wound infections and burns as well. The remainder of our time was spent visiting shacks of sick patients and transferring patient to the nearest hospital 3 hours away in Gobabis. The best times include "mother and baby day" where we planned village cookouts to counteract prevalent malnutrition, "outreach day" to remote farms or Bushman's living in the remote desert areas, and of course playing with the curious Bushman children in the village. Overall, this was a very fun way to learn basic care without use of advanced technology and a great exposure to third world epidemiology and social concerns. I am grateful for this eye opening adventure! - Lynda



Medical ICU- VA

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM

My last rotation in Albuquerque was spent at the VA in the Medical ICU. It was an excellent way to finish out my intern year and provided me the opportunity to learn more about managing critically ill patients. It also gave me the opportunity to have end of life discussions with patients and their families which was a humbling experience in and of itself. I am grateful for the chance that I had to work closely with those who spent much of their lives serving our nation. I look forward to bringing this experience with me to Silver City. - Brandon

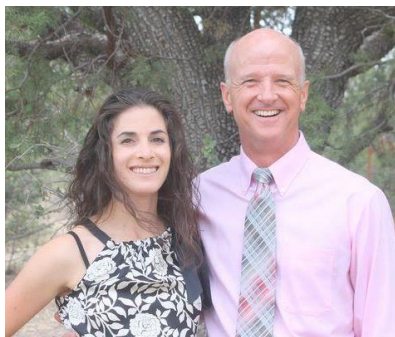
Pediatrics

Dr. Patel, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM

I recently completed my second month of inpatient pediatrics. I am thankful to all of the UNM pediatrics faculty for allowing us to hone our skills under their guidance. Working at a large children's hospital like UNM, allowed me to see a variety of conditions that I may not get experience with in the future. It was such a joyful experience working with children of all ages and I truly appreciated the amount of time dedicated to communication with their families. - Neel

*Congratulations to our graduates
Dr. Schumacher and Dr. Seltzer, Class of 2016!*



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