

# NEWSLETTER

July 2017 Edition



## Where Our Residents Have Been!

### **Population Health and Adult Inpatient Medicine**

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

My Block 12 experience in the community health initiative was delightful. This organization has a very special group of people. They are helpful, smart and committed to improve the overall health of Hidalgo County by working through the social determinants of health. During my time with CHI, my mission was to review my Guatemalan project about well child development checks. This is a project that has a very strong connection to my heart and one that I promise to continue. Another project at CHI that I collaborated on was fostering the relationship with the Residency Program to enhance our outreach community projects. I am very excited about this little project. Thank you for the support and time, Charlie. My last two weeks in this block were spent on Inpatient at Memorial Medical Center and it was almost like coming back home. Thank you to all the attending and my resident peers to show me that long hours and loads of patients are not impairments for learning good medicine. Thank you all.

### **Pulmonology**

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

For Block 13, Pulmonology was my last rotation of Residency. I wanted to thank Dr. Stinar and Rexine for their support and time. I chose this rotation because I have a special interest in hospital medicine and wanted to learn more about lungs disease. Every morning I would go with Dr. Stinar to the ICU and he would give me a small lecture relevant to the case we encountered. Hyponatremia, delirium, SIRS and other topics were covered during the hospital rounds. I also worked with Rexine Sierra at the respiratory therapy center at GRMC. She would drill me on the basics for ventilators, arterial gases and all these exciting tests I would send my patients for my daily referrals. I was very motivated to get up and go every morning. Thank you everyone who was involved in my training over the last years in Silver City. Big shout outs to all the attending that made my learning a joyful learning process. This is a great town to live, play and work.

### **Pulmonology and Radiology**

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

I had a wonderful time during block #12 working with Dr. Stinar in

## *Resident Roster*

### *Class of 2017*



Magda Ramirez, 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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the ICU and his clinic. It provided me with key knowledge that I will use on a day to day basis in my own clinic when caring for patients with pulmonary disease. Working in the hospital's radiology department with Dr. Orzel, Dr. Spar and Dr. Thomas was an equally rewarding experience which has already improved my clinical acumen. I am grateful to these attendings as well as to all of the support staff that took me into their clinics and work areas with open arms.

### **Emergency Medicine**

**Dr. Ferguson, M.D.**

**PGY2 Resident Physician**

I always have an incredible time working in the ER at GRMC. It is a high paced experience that keeps you on your toes. I had the opportunity to perform a variety of procedures and care for some very sick patients. I look forward to future rotations in the ER. Thank you to Dr. Woodbury, Dr. Maxim, Dr. Bennett and Dr. Koury for your time and for placing your confidence in me. Thank you to the wonderful PAs Michael, Jimmy, Shauna, Rustin, and Sharon for sharing your experience and knowledge with me. Finally,, Thank you to the incredible nursing and tech staff who do an amazing job of caring for your patients and keeping the rest of us in line.

### **Anesthesia and Emergency Medicine**

**Dr. Patel, M.D.**

**PGY2 Resident Physician**

I spent Block 12 doing a mix of both emergency medicine and anesthesiology. Airway management, cardiac emergencies spinal blocks are common themes among both specialties so I was grateful to have done both rotations together. Thanks to Dr. Williams, Dr. Lawyer and all the CRNA staff at GRMC who allowed me to practice my intubation skills in the OR. I'd also like to thank Dr. Allred, Dr. Woodbury, and Dr. Bennett for their continued support and guidance as I saw patients in the ER.

### **Physical Therapy and Hospice Medicine**

**Dr. Patel, M.D.**

**PGY2 Resident Physician**

I spent my last rotation of second year split between physical therapy and hospice. Thank you to Desert Springs Physical Therapy for allowing me to spend time with their therapists who taught me a variety of maneuvers. Musculoskeletal knowledge is so important to have as a family physician and I feel spending time with physical therapy has helped me tremendously in this area. I'd also like to thank Ambergare and Horizon Hospice for letting me spend time with their nurses who are so dedicated to terminally ill patients. Hospice medicine can be a different world, and understanding how to deal with families and patients can be challenging. Working with both groups allowed me to see the multitude of ways this can be practiced and I appreciate the challenges they allowed to me to partake in.

**Please Welcome  
Dr. Pedro Armendariz  
Class of 2019**



Dr. Armendariz is a recent transfer into our program and has joined the Class of 2019 as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

*Before coming to Silver City, Dr. Armendariz was practicing in Wolf Point, Montana and Poplar, Montana for the Indian Health Services as a medical officer in general practice. The opportunity to work in an underserved area was fulfilling and he is looking forward to serving the community in Silver City. He and his family are thankful to become part of this community and are excited to make Silver City their new home. He and his wife are both from rural areas and believe it's a great place to raise their family. Dr. Armendariz is a bilingual speaker of English and Spanish.*

## **Inpatient Hospital Medicine**

Susan Bauer, D.O.

**PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at MMC**

For block 12, I was on inpatient hospital medicine and had many challenging critical care cases during the month. We had a case of PCP pneumonia, erysipelas, and candidiasis pneumonia. It was my last inpatient rotation for first year of residency, and many thanks to the MMC staff for the year I have spent with them and all they've taught me.

## **Geriatric Medicine**

Susan Bauer, D.O.

**PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at MMC**

For block 13, the last rotation of my first year, I was doing geriatric medicine, and working in Silver City. I did several home and nursing home visits, as well as doing Medicare annual wellness visits in the first half of the block. I was lucky enough to get to move to Silver City two weeks earlier than normal to start working in Silver City for the second half of the block. I have loved being able to work with our graduating resident Magda Ramirez, as well as Dr. Neel Patel and Dr. Brandon Ferguson, and all of the faculty. I would like to send a huge thank you to all the staff at MMC in Las Cruces for the year I have spent with them, but a special thanks to the faculty at SNMFMR: Dr. John Andazola, Dr. Stephanie Benson, Dr. Danielle Fitzsimmons-Pattison, and Dr. Dolores Gomez, as well as all of the hospital physicians I have worked with over the last year; Dr. Joseph Sunny, Dr. Carlos Macias, Dr. Victor Barnica, Dr. Eduardo Pollono, and Dr. Jean-Pierre Reinhold to name just a few.

## **Float Intern**

Mario Campos, M.D.

**PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at MMC**

This month I was the “float” intern on the Family Medicine inpatient service at Memorial Medical Center. As the float intern you are responsible for making all the phone calls for the team. This includes consultations, obtaining records, and calling other providers who take care of the same patient. The most important role of the float intern is to do all the admissions that come through the emergency dept., admitted from the clinic, or are transferred from other hospitals for higher level of care. This is a very busy role and sometimes there are multiple admissions at once. It is a great opportunity to work on differential diagnoses and decision making.

## **Community Health**

Pedro Armendariz, M.D.

**PGY2 Resident Physician**

First, I would like to start off by saying thank you to everyone involved in my first month at HMS Family Medicine Residency Program. My experience has been excellent and I've been made to feel very welcome to the HMS family as well as to the community of Silver City. My initial introduction commenced in Community Health. It provided me the opportunity to become integrated with some vital organizations in this community. Some of these organizations include: SWCHI with Charlie Alfero and Staff, WIC, HMS MAP Program with Mary, Gospel Mission with Simon, GRMC orientation with Kari Lane, WNMU Library with Gilda, First Born Program, Lactation Consultant Orientation with Mary Gruzka, eCW training with Megan Novikoff, Grant County Health Council with Cari Lemon, HMS CEO Dan Otero, Dr. Nelson and staff at HMS. It was a pleasure to meet everyone and I appreciate the time they took out of their busy schedules to assist me in getting better acquainted. I look forward to becoming a part of the community and making a positive impact.

## **Congratulations to our Class of 2017!**

**Dr. Magda Ramirez**

The Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program is proud to announce the completion of residency for Magda Ramirez, M.D. Dr. Ramirez has just finished her last rotation block this June and will be graduated from our program as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. She will join Kaweah Medical Center as a Family Medicine Physician and Core Faculty serving the Sequoia National Park community in California. Well Done, Magda!

## **Join us in Welcoming the Incoming Class of 2020!**



**Roberto Aguero, MD**  
**Rory Keys, MD**



The Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) Family Medicine Residency Program (FMRP) recently matched with two, new resident family medicine physicians to begin their training with HMS in July 2017. The HMS FMRP is a 1+2 residency program, meaning that 1st year residents complete their first year in a larger academic medical center and then complete their 2nd and 3rd years on-site at HMS. Both Dr. Aguero and Dr. Keys will complete their first year of residency at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, and will complete their final two years of residency training at the HMS Community Health Center.

Look out for next month's newsletter to see what they have been up to in their first block at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces!

## **Dr. Ratliff is Awarded Volunteer Faculty of the Year Award 2017**



The Volunteer Faculty of the Year Award is awarded based on majority votes by the FMRP residents and faculty. Dr. Norman Ratliff of Gila Cardiology in Silver City, NM was presented with this award at the HMS FMRP Graduation Ceremony by Graduate Dr. Magda Ramirez and Program Director, Dr. Darrick Nelson. Congratulations Dr. Ratliff and Thank You! for all your time and effort dedicated to the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program.

## **Moving On : Dr. Mario Campos, Class of 2019**

Dr. Campos is transferring out of our program at the end of the academic year. He is completing his last rotation and is moving on to pursue a residency in Psychiatry at UNM. We thank Dr. Campos for his contributions while here at the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program and wish him the best in his new journey!