

# NEWSLETTER

June 2016 Edition



## Where Our Residents Have Been!

### **Emergency Medicine/ Adult Inpatient Service**

Dr. Schumacher, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

Last month I was able to split my time between working with the Hospitalists at GRMC and working in the Emergency Department. Over the period of my training, these last two years I have learned that I really enjoy hospital based medicine. There is enormous diversity in the type and severity of illness that is seen here in Silver City, and many times those that are the most ill become patients of the hospital as a result of presenting themselves to the Emergency Department. I was able to follow patients throughout their entire course of illness, including to sometimes continuing to follow their care in the outpatient clinic setting. Dr. Felberg graciously provided his close tutelage as we cared for our patient population, and Dr. Sherpa was always available to provide teaching points and insight as well. Dr. Allred and Dr. Woodbury with Innova are always giving of their time and knowledge in emergency medicine as well. It was an excellent month. - Alan

### **Family Medicine Inpatient Service at Memorial Medical Center**

Dr. Seltzer, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

I had a wonderful experience working with the Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program. I was able to assimilate my internal medicine skills through their rigorous training and high volume. I am grateful for feeling like an accepted and integrated member of the care team. Thank you to all in the Las Cruces program, especially those I had the pleasure of working with! - Rachel

### **Care of the Older Adult- Hospice and Home Health**

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

This rotation was a reminder of our humanity. It was a perfect circle going from my last rotation on inpatient service to hospice and home health. As physicians in training, we do everything to keep our patients going. We must never forget about the art of medicine which sometimes takes a holistic approach to transition from sickness to comfort. Hospice is a wonderful resource in our community. The support that families get throughout this process is priceless. These families receive holistic support from nurses, massage therapists, grief counselors as well as spiritual guidance. I was very moved by the individuals who chose to take on the task of working with those in the final stages of life. I want

## 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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to thank all of them for the kindness and compassion to their patients. Thank you for taking the time to teach me what hospice is all about. - Magda

### **Obstetrics**

**Dr. Labranche, M.D.**

**PGY2 Resident Physician**

During Block 12, I had the chance to work with Dr. Victor Nwachuku during outpatient and inpatient OB/GYN and also worked briefly with Dr. Michelle Diaz. I was able to increase my outpatient skill set including honing a few procedures, which will be very beneficial when seeing my own patients in clinic. The teaching skills from them were very much appreciated, along with the surgical experience in the operating room. - Lynda

### **Pediatrics**

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

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

I had such a wonderful time working with the Pediatric team at the UNM Children's Hospital. It was a great opportunity to be instructed by expert attendings and to be surrounded by kind and dedicated residents. I have always found it humbling to be charged with caring for someone else's child, particularly in a vulnerable time but it is truly one of the most rewarding experiences that I have had thus far. I am grateful for all that I was able to learn and I look forward to being able to put it into practice in Silver City!

### **Family Medicine Wards**

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

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

My intern year was capped off with my 3rd month on the inpatient medicine wards. This was by far one of the most challenging rotations of my intern year. My efficiency and knowledge gradually increased with each month I have spent here, but the great part of inpatient medicine is you can always learn more. As much as the attending's/senior residents taught me, I'm glad I could constantly look up information and teach my attendings and seniors as well! I am grateful to all the attending physicians I worked with on here for taking the time to go over diagnostic reasoning skills with us and making sure all our procedures went smoothly. I will always be grateful for this rotation as it not only gave me the medical knowledge to build upon in my career, but taught me the important social aspects of being a family physician. Thank you UNM for a great first year! - Neel

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