

NEWSLETTER

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Where Our Residents Have Been!

Physical Therapy/ Geriatrics/Hospice

Dr. Schumacher, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

Physical therapy is an integral part of the health and well-being of many patients with musculoskeletal pathology. It may be as common as low back pain and recovery from joint replacement surgery, or as difficult as congenital birth defects or traumatic brain injury. Every bone, joint, and muscle of the human body is a candidate for the healing processes managed and taught by the expert practitioners of physical therapy. We are very fortunate to have several excellent physical therapists and physical therapy groups here in Silver City. The professionals at Desert Springs Physical Therapy and Billy Casper Wellness Center were helpful, thoughtful, and amazingly talented and knowledgeable in the methods and processes that best help us recover from injury: from university athletes, to the aged and elderly. We are literally and figuratively in good hands. I also had the wonderful opportunity to spend a few additional days with the amazing care givers of hospice care in our community at both Amber Care, and Horizon Hospice. If there are angels on earth, this is where you find them...caring for those in need during their last moments of life. If you know a hospice caregiver, give them a hug. - Alan

Orthopedics & Sports Medicine

Dr. Seltzer, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

Sports Medicine/ Orthopedics has been one of my favorite rotations, as always. I appreciate all of the providers at Southwest Bone & Joint. They are always eager to teach, and I came away with a great refresher from last year, and added to my arsenal of sports medicine/orthopedic knowledge and exam skills. Thank you again for another wonderful rotation! - Rachel

Emergency Medicine

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

Emergency Medicine was one of the most accelerating rotations of the year. GRMC has an incredible well trained staff ready to run for a code blue at any moment. The nurses and the PA's are a valuable resource. Everybody was always willing to teach. However, the ER does not run alone. Hospitalist and radiologists tag team to make things as smooth as

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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possible. Technicians for respiratory and radiology were very enthusiastic to spread the word of medicine. As an MD in training, I want to say thank you so very much to everyone for the patience and the good learnings experiences that ER at GRMC provides for the residency program. I learned how much I have to continue to prepare myself for the future. - Magda

Cardiology

Dr. Labranche, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

The month of February, ironically, is the month to celebrate Valentine's Day as well as a month for learning more about the management of heart disease. I had the opportunity to work with two of our cardiologists in Silver City. I truly appreciate the passion for cardiology both Dr. Martin and Dr. Ratliff exhibit. It was something that manifested in their teaching. I was able to learn a great deal of essential concepts to expand my understanding and confidence in this area. I also enjoyed working with nurse practitioner Donna Borman on stress testing and the technician on nuclear cardiology. I look forward to working further with our cardiologists in the future. - Lynda

Cardiology

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM

I had a wonderful time rotating on the cardiology consultation service at UNM. It was a great opportunity to see patients of varying acuity ranging from emergent STEMIs to chronic congestive heart failure. It also allowed me to spend more time in the Intensive Care Units with critically ill patients. Overall I feel much more confident with my interpretation of ECGs and my ability to identify emergent patients. I look forward to future rotations with the Cardiologists in Silver City that will undoubtedly afford me the opportunity to learn and grow even more. - Brandon

Visit to Silver City

Dr. Patel, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM

What a relief it was to be back in Silver City for the past 2 weeks! It was a nice change of pace from the busy days I spend at the UNM hospital. The HMS faculty, residents, and staff were all more than welcoming. I even had the chance to start building my patient panel and get to know the EMR system better so that the transition in July is easier. I also had the opportunity to meet some important people at GRMC and am looking forward to my time there. All in all, it was a productive 2 weeks and reminded I am only 3 months away from calling Silver City home. - Neel

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