

NEWSLETTER

May 2016 Edition



Where Our Residents Have Been!

Gynecology

Dr. Schumacher, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

My month was spent under the tutelage of Dr. Nwachuku at Cassie Health Center for Women and Gila Regional Medical Center. Dr. Nwachuku is an amazingly knowledgeable and current-with-standards practitioner of women's health, a giving and approachable teacher, and a tireless advocate of improved health care within the medical community here in Silver City. He manages all of the obstetrics and gynecology needs of hundreds of women within our community, from menopause and anatomical changes of older age, to weight management and endocrinology, and management of issues with menses and every possible obstetric scenario. He does this with a manner and style that exemplifies professionalism and compassion...and always includes laughter. Anyone involved in health care would benefit from time spent under his guidance. Thank you Dr. Nwachuku for giving your time for my benefit. - Alan

Study/ Adult Medicine Inpatient Service/ Cardiology

Dr. Seltzer, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

I had another great month! Aside from board studying, I had a great experience working with Dr. Dalton as a hospitalist team, and with Dr. Martin on cardiology. Each time I do inpatient medicine, I feel I make a small leap forward in my ability to care for patients in the hospital. I always enjoy learning from our local cardiologists - I come away with new pearls each time I rotate with them. Thank you, Dr. Dalton and Dr. Martin for a productive month! - Rachel

Adult Medicine Inpatient Service

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

Last month was a yet another great learning experience for me. I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Dalton, Dr. Felberg and Senior Resident Dr. Seltzer. I enjoyed my rotation for so many reasons. Since this was my second rotation at the hospital, communication was improved. I was able to know a little more about the nurses, respiratory therapy and the other technicians involved in patient care. I also worked closely with case management. They were tremendously helpful in coordinating safe patient discharges from the hospital. When I had to send my first patient to hospice care, I received tremendous support from all parties involved. Our current hospitalists are highly involved in our learning

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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process and are happy to teach. They have taken on a very serious task in developing rural primary care providers that have a true full scope of practice. I cannot thank everyone enough for the learning experience provided. Thank you for your time teaching us! We are getting a very profound education. Dedication is a model that every professional must have. - Magda

Pulmonology/ Radiology/ Adult Inpatient Service

Dr. Labranche, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

My month was spent back in the inpatient ward at Gila Regional Medical Center. Working again on the ward with Dr. Feldberg was another chance to expand my skills as a family physician. Before re-starting my inpatient service, I was able to refine my skill of reading images at the Radiology Department with the help of three of GRMC's radiologists. All of them were very busy but great with teaching. I also spent some time with Dr. Stinar in the intensive care unit and had the opportunity to learn alongside him the outpatient management of common chronic respiratory diseases. The opportunity to have a well-rounded education is an asset. It was a pleasure giving the best care I can to sick patients that need to be in the hospital and also great to see the expressions of satisfaction from many of them. - Lynda

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM

Working alongside the OB GYN team and UNM Hospital this past month was a wonderful, educational and exhilarating experience. I spent the majority of my time triaging patients which allowed me to learn to differentiate between stable, urgent and emergent obstetrical patients. I also had the joy and pleasure of participating in a number of deliveries which is an amazing experience in and of itself. There is something very humbling about being part of welcoming a new life into the world. I also felt that for many patients, this is a scary time full of uncertainty and worry and it is truly amazing to be able to offer a sense of calm and comfort during such a life altering experience. This rotation certainly reminded me of why I chose to pursue a career in rural family medicine and I cannot wait to further this endeavor in Silver City. – Brandon

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dr. Patel, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM

I recently completed my final month of obstetrics during first year. The first go round was challenging as I adjusted to a new world of medicine. This time, however, I felt a lot more familiar and started noticing how quickly I could perform my tasks in Labor and Delivery. Cervical exams, ultrasounds, and reading fetal heart strips...I really felt I could do it all. But not alone! I'm grateful to the OB faculty and residents who taught me so much and gave me a great foundation to go to Silver City with. Obstetrics is a vital part of Family Medicine and I have finally gained the confidence I need to continue becoming a better prenatal care provider. – Neel

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