

NEWSLETTER

November 2016 Edition



Where Our Residents Have Been!

Away Rotation- Well Child Development in Guatemala

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

Thanks to the Warren and Rosalee Heffron

Scholarship, I had the opportunity to go to Guatemala and start a seed project for well child development. I was in contact with the Institute of Inclusive Health that has been working in the most remote rural areas of the Verapaces in Guatemala. This institution has been a pioneer to create a new model of cultural inclusive primary care, which was made possible due to the opening of the Ministry of Health. This model approaches health care at the individual, family and community level. There is a clear involvement in the community from the health workers to provide the attention the people need; however, there is a lot to improve when it comes to well child checks.

Historically, the focus of the Ministry of Health has been on nutrition and growth, leaving behind the rest of the child's cognitive and social development. My project started as a research proposal to screen child development. I traveled to communities that showed a global improvement in family health to present a proposal to incorporate screenings for child development. It was a great experience to work with the local health authorities and with the Institute of Inclusive Health. This is the first step in the work that I hope to continue; improving children's health care in my home, Guatemala. - Magda



Outlying Clinic- HMS SMASH

Dr. Labranche, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

My Block #4 rotation consisted of rotating through the HMS rural sites in Bayard, Mimbres, Cliff and Animas. The learning opportunity was unique. Although Silver City is rural, the additional sites provided true insight about the medical and social needs of patients living in frontier towns. I truly enjoyed working with the providers at these sites and admired the close relationship between the providers and the small communities. - Lynda

Pediatric Outpatient Clinic

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

I had such a wonderful time on my pediatrics rotation last month. From taking care of all the newborn babies in the hospital to seeing patients in the clinic, to working with teens at the high school clinics. It was so much fun to work with all of the little kids and young adults of Silver City. I have always felt humbled to be trusted with the care of children, but this last rotation was exceptionally fun and exciting. A special Thank You to Dr. Etheridge at Silver Health Care, Dr. Johnson at HMS and Tiffany Maxey and Megan Lucic at the Cobre High school clinic for opening up your clinics, allowing me to

Resident Roster

Class of 2017



Magda Ramirez, MD
Lynda Labranche, 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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care for your patients with you and for sharing your expertise with me. I look forward to future pediatric rotations. - Brandon

Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

Dr. Patel, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

This past month I had the opportunity to work with Southwest Bone and Joint and learn orthopedics/sports medicine. It was a great experience and I want to thank Dr. Robinson, Dr. Carreon, and Rick Lemke (PA-C) for teaching me so much! I spent time in their clinic seeing patients, learning new orthopedic physical exam maneuvers, and learning how to interpret x-rays/MRI's of common orthopedic issues. They all truly took the time to make sure I had a clear understanding of various orthopedic injuries and how I could best manage them as a primary care provider. I also want to thank GRMC rehabilitation center for allowing me to work with the physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists every Tuesday during this rotation. I make many referrals to them but finally got to see up close what kind of services patients get there. Orthopedics is such an important scope of primary care and thanks to Southwest Bone and Joint, I feel confident in dealing with a range of orthopedic concerns. I'm looking forward to going back and learning even more from them next year! - Neel

Family Medicine Inpatient Service

Susan Bauer, D.O.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at MMC

During October, I was on a Family Medicine Inpatient Service rotation. I worked on many interesting cases, and with a lot of great people. There were many long days, but very worth the time. I love what I am doing! – Susan

Visit to Silver City/ Care of the Older Adult

Mario Campos, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician. In Training at MMC

For my fourth block, I spent my first week working in Silver City at the HMS outpatient clinic. It was nice to meet all of the upper level residents who had spent their first year at UNM. They were all very helpful and welcoming. I enjoyed working with Dr. Troxler and immediately felt welcomed as a team member by the other staff. After that, I was able to take a nice vacation. I went to San Diego for 5 days with my girlfriend and had a great time. For the final two weeks I came back to Las Cruces and completed a geriatric rotation. I was able to work with our knowledgeable pharmacists, psychologists, and hospice providers in the care of the older patient. Overall it was a very good month! - Mario

Congratulations to Rachel on her Completion of Residency!



A big, sincere Thank You to Hidalgo Medical Services, Gila Regional Medical Center and all of the community preceptors and their staff for training me in family medicine. I am very grateful for your lessons, and your patience, and look forward to working with and continuing to learn from you all. – Rachel

Recruitment Season Update

The HMS FMRP 2016-2017 resident recruitment season is under way! The Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), opened mid-September and applicants from all over the world were able to apply for residency positions. So far, HMS FMRP has received 997 applications. The program began interviews in October and will continue on through January with the hopes of interviewing 35-40 applicants for the two PGY1 positions. All applicants selected to interview, will interview both in Silver City and in Las Cruces as Memorial Medical Center is our first year training site. Let the interviewing begin!

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