Where Our Residents Have Been!

Family Medicine Outpatient
Brandon Ferguson, M.D.
PGY3 Chief Resident Physician
I had a wonderful time working with Dr. Stanley and his staff at Gila Family Medicine. It was a great opportunity to see a variety of patients in an outpatient setting and to perform some great procedures. A big thank you to Dr. Stanley and his team for taking me under your wing and allowing me to care for your patients - Brandon

Family Medicine Outpatient
Neel Patel, M.D.
PGY3 Resident Physician
It was great to spend time with Dr. Troxler this past month at Cassie Health Center. I haven’t worked with her since she left HMS in February and all I can say is how much I’ve missed learning from her. She sees a wide variety of patients at her new location. I dealt with everything from newborns to addiction medicine. She’s done a great job of teaching residents not only medicine, but the social determinants of disease that every PCP should be aware of. It was great to be back with her and I’d like to additionally thank the staff at Cassie Health Center for welcoming me. - Neel

Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine
Susan Bauer, D.O.
PGY2 Resident Physician
I was on my Orthopedics rotation, and working with the Southwest Bone and Joint Institute providers! I learned an incredible amount from Dr. Brian Robinson, Dr. Roberto Carreon, and Rick Lemke PA. They were amazing and a huge thanks to them for imparting a small amount of their combined knowledge on me! Thank you again! - Susan

Cardiology
Pedro Armendariz, M.D.
PGY2 Resident Physician
During the month of August I had the great opportunity to rotate with Dr. Ratliff during the first three weeks of the month. This was a great opportunity to go over many different cardiology situations. I learned a lot from him and appreciate his time he was able to spend teaching. I was also able to rotate with WNMU athletic director Terra Dunlap. It was nice to see how she helps the WNMU athletes. - Pedro
First Year Residents Spend Time Visiting Home Residency in Silver City

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 in Silver City.

Over the course of their first year at MMC, the residents have a total of two, two-week long rotations to spend at HMS in Silver City. This is a time for them to get acquainted with the flow of clinics at HMS and to become more familiar with their colleagues and the Silver City Community. This is also a unique learning opportunity to spend one on one time shadowing FMRP faculty and senior residents during clinics and didactics. This past month, it was Dr. Roberto Aguero's turn to spend some time with us here in Silver City. Dr. Aguero will return for another rotation later in the year. Look out for Dr. Rory Keys when he comes for his HMS visits later this academic year in winter and spring.

Geriatrics
Roberto Aguero, M.D.
PGY1 Resident Physician
In Training at MMC

The second month of internship has been a very welcome change to what I regard as traditional graduate medical education. I had 2 weeks of Geriatrics with an interdisciplinary group. Thank you to Drs. Boland (behavioral health), Leung & Norris (pharmacy), and Gergerich (Social Work). This was a great review of the social pharmacologic and medical issues surrounding the older generations. There were insightful health care visits to members of the community at home and at assisted living, hospice and recovery facilities. Not only did I get to know more of the community, but also learn about some of the strengths and limitations of the health care system in the care of the elderly. The longer patient encounters were of particular benefit as folks who have had a few more birthdays sometimes have a considerable medical history that requires a team of experts to review and manage. The second two weeks of the month were dedicated to clinic in Silver City with a day spent in clinic at Lordsburg. The staff at HMS were helpful in keeping me on task and were great fun to be around. Thank you to HMS for providing me with living quarters in the clinic, a very modern yet warm apartment. I want to thank Drs. Hernandez and Gonzales for being very welcoming and allowing me the opportunity to be more hands on. The senior residents Drs. Ferguson and Patel were great to work with in clinic and I look forward to starting there in June 2018. -Roberto

Psychiatry
Rory Keys, M.D.
PGY1 Resident Physician
In Training at MMC

I spent Block 2 on psychiatry rotation. Being a psychology major, I found it interesting. I enjoyed the amount of talking with patients that one gets to do on this rotation. I think we sometimes get too caught up with medical records, vital signs, and labs and don't get enough face-to-face time with each patient. Mental disorders are common in clinic, which made this rotation very useful in terms of being able to learn their management. Dr. Mota was a very good host and was always available and willing to answer questions. The nurse practitioners that work along with Dr. Mota, Dr. Summers and Dr. Williams, were also good teachers and were constantly offering help. –Rory