

NEWSLETTER

July 2015 Edition



Where Our Residents Have Been!

HMS SMASH Clinic

Dr. Schumacher, M.D.
PGY3 Resident Physician

Last month, I had the pleasure of working with many of the HMS providers at outlying clinics. Rural medicine is one of the main reasons I chose the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program, and our most distant clinics are as rural as any in the country. Huge kudo's go out to the providers who see, care for, and treat the individuals who live in these distant communities. The need for health care providers in these settings is very real, and individuals who otherwise would not receive treatment, or who would delay treatment for too long, have the opportunity to be cared for in a professional and appropriate medical context and facility. My thanks go out to the providers in all of our outlying clinics who shared their time, and their patients, with me for the benefit of everyone involved. -Alan

Obstetrics/ Gynecology

Dr. Seltzer, M.D.
PGY2 Resident Physician

I was so happy to get to work with Dr. Nwachuku and his colleagues, Dr. Diaz and Gail Stamler, at Cassie Health Center for Women. I am grateful for all the teaching, namely the opportunity to learn from a concentrated volume of obstetrics patients, and gynecologic medicine as well. Thank you for letting me join you on labor and delivery and in the operating room - those are some of my favorite places to be! - Rachel

Community Health/ Behavioral Health

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.
PGY2 Resident Physician

Community Health/Behavioral health was my first rotation Silver City. I got to see the faces of my new community! Learning about the numerous resources was breath taking. New Beginnings gave me a new perspective of leading the way to recovery for people with mental health diseases. Last but not the least, the Mental Health team was incredible! They were very helpful, insightful and welcoming. We have an amazing team to provide standard of care for our community. -Magda

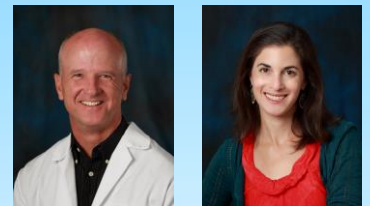
Community Health/ Behavioral Health

Dr. Labranche, M.D.
PGY2 Resident Physician

Moving to Silver City, NM over one month ago has been a tremendous opportunity to meet many caring people interested in the well-being of the community. Over the last rotation vcvvvvvvv, I spent time with the people of varying organizations and departments such as the Center for Health Innovation, HMS Mental Health, Recovery Management Center and the Gospel

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

Mission. This experience revealed a passion in the community for helping others that is truly quite refreshing. One of my most rewarding experiences was being a guest assistant cook at the Gospel Mission, where hundreds of meals are served weekly. In addition to caring for patients in clinic, I have also enjoyed the beautiful scenery of this town. I look forward to continue learning from my welcoming patients and colleagues. – Lynda

Surgery VA

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY 1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM

Surgery at the VA was a wonderful experience! It was truly an honor to be involved in the care of our nation's veterans. Aside from being able to work with a team of excellent physicians, the patients made this an especially rich and fulfilling experience. -Brandon

Introducing!

PGY1 Resident Dr. Neel Patel

Dr. Patel, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM

Dr. Neel Patel comes from the east coast state of North Carolina but is excited to call New Mexico his home for at least the next 3 years. Neel obtained his Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He found out the medical profession was for him while working as an EMT for intramural sports on campus. Excited about his future profession, Neel further went on to participate in international medical work in Chennai, India. It was here that Neel discovered his passion for rural care and helping the underserved. He went on to attend Ross University School of Medicine where he graduated with an MD in 2014. Following graduation, Neel participated in biomedical research at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona where he had the privilege of studying new therapeutics for Glioblastoma Multiform, the most common adult brain tumor. He has come to appreciate both clinical medicine and the dedicated research it takes to advance patient care. Neel is looking forward to his intern year at University of New Mexico hospital, and even more towards coming back to Silver City where he can start developing meaningful relationships with patients. We welcome Dr. Patel to the Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program!

2015 AAFP National Conference- Kansas City, MO

Program Director Dr. Nelson, Resident Physicians Drs. Schumacher and Seltzer and Program Coordinator Jade Zamora recently attended the 2015 American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference in Kansas City, MO. More than 300 residency programs and 50 physician employers, plus medical missions, government agencies, had the opportunity to meet with Medical Students on the verge of residency from all over the world. Through the New Mexico Primary Care Training Consortium, Silver City, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces represented their individual Family Medicine Residency Programs.

Also while at the National Conference, Drs. Schumacher and Seltzer presented the HMS FMRP Idalia Rodriguez Immunization Grant Poster. The grant was awarded to Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program in June of 2014 with the purpose of increasing vaccination rates in the 65+ population specifically with influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations. HMS FMRP was one of 16 residency programs throughout the country awarded the grant. HMS FMRP's efforts included implementing quality improvement measures to increase awareness amongst providers as well as the community. The information collected can be shared with city and county government officials, community health councils and non-profit organizations that serve seniors in the region as well as used to inform future vaccination outreach efforts.

