

# NEWSLETTER

March 2015 Edition



## Where Our Residents Have Been!

### **Family Medicine Inpatient Service at MMC**

**Dr. Sumulong, M.D**

**PGY3 Resident Physician**

Working in the trenches of the family medicine inpatient service at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces for the past month, I served as one of two senior residents overseeing care for critically ill patients. In partnership with the Las Cruces family medicine residency

program, I also provided weekend coverage for multiple inpatient services including inpatient pediatrics as well as labor and delivery. Overall, I emerged more confident in my ability to care for patients in the inpatient setting. Thank you so much for a great learning opportunity Las Cruces! - Cid



### **Emergency Department, Pulmonology, Radiology**

**Dr. Cluff, M.D**

**PGY3 Resident Physician**

I had a great month in the emergency room, on pulmonary/SCU with Dr. Stinar, and with the radiology department at Gila Regional Medical Center. These rotations have been helpful as I try to increase my critical care skills and quickly care for patients. I appreciate all those that participate in my education. - Ben

### **Pediatric Inpatient Service at UNM**

**Dr. Schumacher,**

**PGY2 Resident Physician**

The month of February was spent at the Children's Hospital at UNM in Albuquerque. Children from all over the state came with their parents with hope for relief from pain or a cure for their illness. It was a very busy season for respiratory infections. It was the busiest season in the last 15 years for the Children's Hospital. There were days that the hospital rooms were full to over 100% capacity. Newborn babies with pneumonia, small children living with the

## *Resident Roster Class of 2015*



Algele "CID" Sumulong, MD  
Benjamin J. Cluff, MD

## *Class of 2016*



Alan Schumacher, MD  
Rachel Seltzer, MD

## *Class of 2017*



Magda Ramirez, MD  
In Training at UNM

consequences of complete bowel resections, accidental and non-accidental trauma, and even bulimia nervosa. The days were long and the work was sometimes complex, but it was a month full of learning and new experiences. The faculty and residents in the UNM Pediatrics department deserve a huge round of applause for their willingness to take in an outsider for the entire month and for their excellent teaching of the systems, programs and medicine of inpatient pediatrics. - Alan

## **Otolaryngology**

**Dr. Seltzer, M.D.**

**PGY2 Resident Physician**

I had a fantastic February! I got to rotate with Dr. Twana Sparks, who has been a very invested and attentive professor. I also got the opportunity to be "Doc of the Day" at the state legislature in Santa Fe, along with Dr. Diaz-Rios, and another faculty/resident pair from the family medicine residency program in Las Cruces, to meet our state legislators, Representative Hamilton (who also sits on the HMS Board), and Senator Morales (who also works with Gila Regional Medical Center). And a big thank you to my patients, a.k.a. the ones who look to me as their primary care provider (PCP): different aspects of clinical care are rewarding in different ways, and being a part of your health team, over time, as you navigate through your own vulnerable health issues, is one of the most rewarding aspects of what I do every day. Thank you for honoring me with your trust. - Rachel

## **Family Medicine Wards**

**Dr. Ramirez, M.D**

**PGY 1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM**

Family Medicine Wards was very exciting! It was like coming back home from a long journey through all of the specialties. I enjoyed my self-thinking of plans and better ways to serve our patients. It does get better! It is true! There is still a lot to learn and read about patients, but more importantly, building relationships with the patients and staff made this rotation more meaningful this time around. I was also part of the inter retreat in Taos. It was a great experience and it was wonderful spending time bonding with everybody without the pressure of work. – Magda



PGY2 resident Dr. Seltzer and resident Medical Assistant Tiffany Howard, recently participated in the 2015 Expanding Your Horizons Conference hosted by Western New Mexico University. Dr. Seltzer presented on what it's like to be a doctor. The conference offers girls a variety of workshops and presentations on different professions to encourage them towards the path to a successful career.