

NEWSLETTER

May-June 2015 Edition

Where Our Residents Have Been!

HMS SMASH Clinic

Dr. Sumulong, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

During my penultimate rotation, I was on a SMASH rotation, rotating through different rural HMS offices from Animas to Cliff. Thanks again for a great rotation! Rural medicine at its best! -Cid

Cardiology

Dr. Cluff, M.D.

PGY3 Resident Physician

I had a great month working with doctors Ratliff and Martin learning more about cardiology in relation to primary care and focusing on fine-tuning my skills of EKG reading. I was able to participate in several stress tests. I appreciate their time and investment in my learning and education. - Ben

Otolaryngology

Dr. Schumacher, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

E.N.T. yay!!! Ears, nose and throat...what a fascinating and complex area of the body! Dr. Twana Sparks is Silver City's amazing surgical sub-specialist who diagnoses, repairs, and manages every type of complaint imaginable related to this very important part of the human body. From removal of foreign bodies out of ears and noses, to allergy medications, tonsillectomies and major surgical repairs of complex deep structures that lay beside, on top of, and intertwined with the blood vessels and nerves coming and going directly to and from the brain, she does it all. She also does this with an amazing wit and sense of humor that put her patients at ease and make long days of clinic pass quickly and enjoyably for those around her. She is a great teacher and patient instructor of the art and science of medicine of the ears, nose, and throat. -Alan



Emergency Medicine/ Adult Inpatient Service

Dr. Seltzer, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician

I had an excellent time rotating with the Emergency Room folks at GRMC last month. What a cohesive team of individuals! And as always, enjoyed another valuable rotation with Dr. Dalton on the inpatient medicine service at GRMC. Thank you to all of my attending's, and rest of the team who helped teach me - please keep it coming! -Rachel

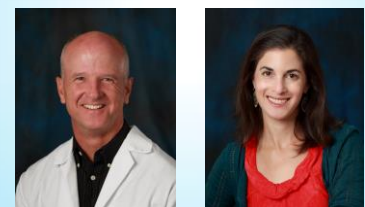
Resident Roster Class of 2015



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

*Congratulations Cid
and Ben for your
successful completion
of residency!*

Class of 2016



Alan Schumacher, MD
Rachel Seltzer, MD

Class of 2017



Magda Ramirez, MD
In Training at UNM

Visit to Silver City/ Cardiology

Dr. Ramirez, M.D.

PGY 1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM

Last month, I spent half my time in Silver City and half in cardiology at UNM! I loved being in my “home to be” for a little while. I got to share time with my fellow residents and attend the Blues Festival! During the last two weeks, I have been in cardiology learning the basics of cardiology and the more advanced technology that UNMH has to offer. ICU, emergency, and FP are the most busy services that consult cardiology. See you very soon Silver City! - Magda

Introducing!

PGY2 Resident Dr. Lynda Labranche

Dr. Labranche, M.D.

PGY2 Resident Physician



We are pleased to welcome Dr. Lynda Labranche to the Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Labranche will join Dr. Ramirez as a PGY2 Resident Physician, Class of 2017!

Dr. Labranche is a graduate of Ohio State University College of Medicine in Columbus, OH where she received her medical degree in 2014 as well as her MSPH- Health Behavior and Health Promotion in 2009. Dr. Labranche is currently finishing up her intern resident year at Summa Barberton Hospital specializing in Family Medicine and will join us here in Silver City at the end of June.

As a young child, Dr. Labranche aspired to become a family doctor which stemmed from her desire to be a life learner who can live out both her passion about human physiology and responsiveness to better the total health of others. Dr. Labranche desires to engage with people of all walks of life, utilize her passion for people and make a difference in their lives.

PGY1 Resident Dr. Brandon Ferguson

Dr. Ferguson, M.D.

PGY1 Resident Physician, In Training at UNM



We are pleased to welcome Dr. Brandon Ferguson to Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program as a PGY1 Resident Physician! Dr. Ferguson will begin his residency training at the University of New Mexico and will join us here in Silver for his PGY2 and PGY3 years.

Dr. Ferguson grew up in Orem, Utah. As a teenager he spent as much time as possible outdoors hiking, biking, climbing, fishing and snowboarding. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree from BYU-Hawaii on the beautiful island of Oahu, he spent 2 years on the island of Grenada and 2 years in Brooklyn, NY completing his medical degree which he received from St. George's University.

Dr. Ferguson chose a career in Family Medicine because he hopes to practice a broad spectrum of medicine with patients of all ages. He loves the clinic, the hospital and the emergency room and has a particular interest in Rural Medicine. Dr. Ferguson stated, “I am excited about the many doors that will be open to me after completing my Family Medicine residency.”

Dr. Ferguson chose the Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program for three reasons. First, the people. He and his wife immediately felt at home both in Albuquerque and Silver City. Second, the location. Sunny New Mexico felt like the perfect match for his wife and 3 children who love to be outside every chance they get. Finally, he was thrilled by the idea of working in both a University Hospital and a Rural Community Health Center and is looking forward to the hands on, rural experience that awaits him in Silver City.



Above photos from the UNM white coat ceremony on June 17th. Courtesy of Dolores Garcia.