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Message from the President

If you are not sure what an ACO (accountable care organization) is, you are in good company. After spending half a day at the recent NMMS annual meeting hearing from local and national leaders about ACOs, I'm still not convinced I completely understand what an ACO is. Nor do I fully understand how these proposed entities will work. In a nutshell, an ACO is defined as a group of physicians, other healthcare professionals (e.g. NPs, PAs, psychologists, LISWs), hospitals and other healthcare providers that accept a shared responsibility to deliver a broad set of medical services to a defined set of patients across the age spectrum and who are held accountable for the quality and cost of care provided through alignment of incentives. However, as became clear over the course of the afternoon, how these new entities (which are part of the PPACA legislation) will come to pass is far from clear. From Albuquerque to Taos, providers and systems in New Mexico are working to prepare for a future with ACOs. The cost and infrastructure necessary to manage and measurably improve the health of a defined group of at least 5000 Medicare beneficiaries is so daunting, however, that few seem ready to take the dive (at least at this point). It turns out we're not alone here in New Mexico with regard to concerns about ACOs. The American Medical Group Association which includes heavy hitters such as the Cleveland Clinic, Intermountain health, Geisinger and Mayo Clinic has warned that less than 10% of its members are likely to participate in ACOs because "the rules as currently written are so onerous it would be nearly impossible to succeed." Of note, the "draft regulations" have been published and available from the feds for about a month and we are currently in a public comment period. The folks from CMS who created these complex regulations say they are actively listening to feedback. From what we heard at the NMMS meeting, and from what major, national groups are saying, the regulations will have to change significantly if the plan is going to work.

Another highlight of the annual NMMS meeting was the address of New Mexico Secretary of Health Dr. Catherine Torres. Originally from Albuquerque, Dr Torres comes to Santa Fe and state government from Las Cruces where she worked as a pediatrician at Rio Grande Medical Group. Prior to that Dr. Torres was the Medical Director of First Step Pediatrics in Las Cruces from 2005 to 2009. Dr Torres described her interest in border health issues and she let us know that Governor Martinez's healthcare strategy is still being developed and she invited input from New Mexico physicians. It was nice to see both the student and resident representatives to NMMS address the Secretary and for her to promise to help support their issues.

The other big news to report is that Superintendent of Insurance John Franchini has rescinded in full the October 28, 2009 Memorandum concerning medical corporations and their coverage under the NM Medical Malpractice Act. The rescission of the previous ruling (which excluded physician corporations from the medical malpractice act), along with Governor Martinez's veto of the amended Medical Malpractice Act, essentially returns the house of medicine to the previous status quo. There will certainly be new challenges in the future, but it's an appropriate moment to take a deep breath and enjoy the victory.

Back here at GAMA we're locking in on some details of the upcoming social calendar. The GAMA "Bike'N the Bosque" ride is scheduled for June 18th. The ride will be easy and flat along the Bosque trail. There will be prizes, drinks and snacks. Load up your bike, grab your helmet and join us at the Tingley Beach bait house between 7:30 and 8:00AM. Later this summer, the GAMA Family Fun Fiesta is scheduled for Sunday, September 18, from 3-6 PM at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. This event was a lot of fun last year and I really encourage every physician and family in Albuquerque to mark their calendar and attend. These and other events (we're working on a UNM football game) will be great opportunities to visit with your physician colleagues from around town. I hope to see you there.

Have a have a good month, take good care of your patients and take good care of yourself.

Dion Gallant, MD
dgallant@phs.org



Dion E. Gallant, M.D.

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Jeremy Gleeson, M.D. - *Editor*

GAMA Board meetings are held every month on the second Thursday. The meetings are held at 7770 Jefferson NE in the 4th floor conference room beginning at 7:00am. -Members are welcome to attend.

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Article and ad submission deadlines
for the July Newsletter
Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Rx for Walking

Most of us write prescriptions for drugs everyday, how about writing a prescription for exercise.

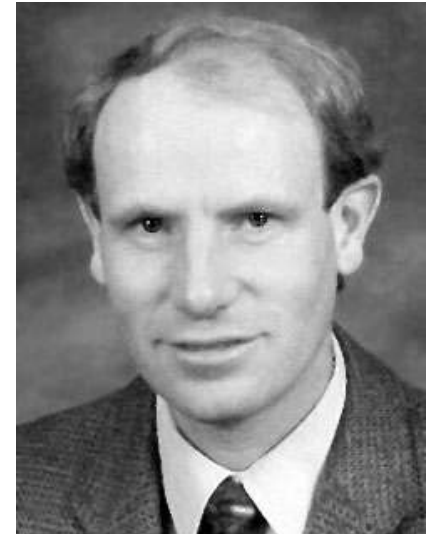
We are all very aware of the increasing incidence of obesity in our society; as an endocrinologist I am all too aware of the intimately related epidemic of diabetes. Numerous other diseases resulting from obesity are well known to all of us.

The cause of this epidemic is, of course, our widespread over eating and sedentary lifestyle superimposed on a genetic and metabolic background programmed to conserve calories, and to protect us from the famine that most of us will never see. Exercise, and activity in general, is now discretionary, rather than essential for most people in Western societies. Many exercise that discretion on the couch with the remote control. At least a

third of adults report less than 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity each week. As physicians, I suspect we all are encouraging our patients to be more active, but often lack specific tools to put this into practice. Exercise prescribing is taught poorly, or not at all, in Medical Schools. We tell our patients to exercise, but we don't tell them how. We may also underestimate the positive effect we can have on our patients by helping them exercise. A systematic review published in the BMJ in 2008 concluded that interventions tailored to specific patients' needs could increase walking by up to 30-60 minutes on average per week. Simple interventions in the office, able to be integrated into a routine visit, proved effective. Structured exercise works in diabetes. A review recently published in JAMA of 47 randomized trials involving more than 8,500 people found that those with type 2 diabetes who participated in a supervised program that included aerobic and strength exercises lowered their hemoglobin A1C levels an average of 0.67% more than a group that was given exercise advice only. This is, of course, similar to what is achieved with some newer expensive drugs we prescribe.

This month I want to describe a program that allows us to prescribe exercise. Just as we prescribe medications, we can prescribe physical activity with dose and duration. Prescription Trails has been established in Albuquerque as well as other parts of New Mexico. It is a multi-agency partnership managed by New Mexico Health Care Takes on Diabetes, a coalition of 30 health care organizations that works to reduce the negative health effects associated with diabetes among New Mexicans. Out state has been a pioneer. Prescription Trails provides tools to doctors to prescribe walking to patients. The program provides prescription pads to specify the "dose" of walking. Prescription Trails identifies walking and wheelchair-rolling routes that are both safe and accessible to patients and families. To make sure that people engage in appropriate levels of physical activity, the program recommends healthcare providers assess their patients for readiness to start or maintain a walking program and then write tailored prescriptions based on their current physical condition. The City of Albuquerque website www.cabq.gov/parks/prescription-trails provides detailed descriptions of each prescription trail, including grade of difficulty, listed by zip code.

This is one prescription any health care provider can write regardless of background or license. I'd be delighted for chiropractors to do so instead of wanting to prescribe medications. Obesity in the US is not confined to humans; our veterinary colleagues who see our obese pets are prescribing walking for their canine patients. That's a two for one benefit For more information check <http://prescriptiontrailsnm.org/index/index.shtm> Let's start Rx walking for our patients.



Jeremy Gleeson, M.D.



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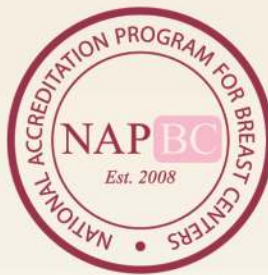
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Dr. Specialist,

Today I celebrate speaking to one of you. Yes, you make my day when you communicate with me. Hallelujah, Eureka! Thank You for returning my call. You are always enlightening and helpful. So often I wonder why reaching you can be so difficult. As a primary care provider, I must have too much of the primal in my name and Y'all just have too much of the "special" in yours to allow us to talk. I send over a request with labs and clearly stated query, and maybe I merit a call back from an MA or a nurse. Come on guys! I know your busy, but patient care is more than a two month wait to go from one organ system specialist to the next. Much can get lost in translation and in delay. From the patient to all of us who pay for the bottom line, the verdict is unanimous. We flunk at what we are supposed to be the best at: coordination of complex care, especially when it requires communication. Back in my youth, I told an Insurance Agent friend that I wanted to be a doctor. We're talking Dark Ages, before the advent of computers and the electronic age. Agent 'New York Life' said to me, "Why? Don't you know you'll be replaced by robots?". I laughed and assured him that the Art of Medicine could never be practiced by a machine. But today I wonder, because as Dr. Gawande says, a lot of medicine is retail. Good systems can do what we do with less room for error. With the goal of ever smarter EHR systems, plug in the right data and algorithms and flow charts can generate lists of the obvious and prompts about the not so obvious. But when the ambiguous or the acutely ill is before me, the ability to speak to you is critical. Twenty years ago, I could wield the power of the referral pad and Primary was Primo Numero Uno. But now, insurances mandate, and in Albuquerque it seems that the bigger the group, the more layers of MA's, secretaries, nurses and gobetweens there are between you and I and the less likely you are to return my calls. One more thing insurance companies and managed health systems have robbed us of: the ability to talk to one another. So today I took off my gag order and decided to have my say. No phone tree on my cell phone. Call me back please.

Respectfully,
Carmen Rodriguez, MD.
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June 11-12, 2011

The Wylder Lectures Series Pediatric Conference
Sheraton Uptown, Albuquerque, NM
Contact: www.nmpeds.org or Anne Ortiz at (505) 925-7613

July 14-17, 2011

54th Annual NMAFP Family Medicine Seminar
Ruidoso Convention Center/Lodge at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso
Contact: Sara Bittner at 505-292-3113 or familydoctor@newmexico.com

July 31 – August 5, 2011

12th Annual Taos Writing Retreat For Health Professionals
Mable Lujan Dodge House, Taos, NM
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August 5-6, 2011

12th Annual Santa Fe Bone Symposium
Santa Fe, NM
Contact: (505) 855-5525 or registration online: <http://www.ofnm.org>

August 27 & 28, 2011

Advanced Life Support In Obstetrics Course
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September 14 – 16, 2011

2nd International Meeting On Indigenous Women's Health
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October 16 – 21, 2011

Update And Review Of Internal Medicine 2011
La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, Nm
Contact: Kathy Breckenridge At 505-272-3942 Or [Http://Hsc.Unm.Edu/Cme](http://Hsc.Unm.Edu/Cme)

GAMA MOVING FORWARD: PREVIEW NEW LOOK & ENHANCED WEBSITE

Watch for the announcement in June as GAMA will be kicking off its new image, new website (more user friendly with enhanced member services) and an updated data system.

The Greater Albuquerque Medical Association will still be GAMA, but with a modernized version of the old logo (see masthead). GAMA letterhead, documents, website, newsletter, etc. will all carry the new brand and be color coordinated.

The website not only will have a great new look; it will be more user friendly and will have enhanced member services. In addition, the public information pages will provide additional help and resources to your patients and others. The “**Find A Doc**” program has technical refinements and is accompanied with patient access to other helpful information/links.

Some of the enhanced services include the following: electronic applications, online event and conference registrations and payments (secure), up-to-date calendar of events; on-line CME application and links to other CME courses, and much more.

For Members Only: there are a number of new and improved features, including the following: online billing and dues payment, online event and CME registrations and payments, online physician profile self management, access to publications including the GAMA Reports newsletter, educational articles, and more.

Two major additions being provided by GAMA are the following: “**Find a Colleague**” - a search engine for members to find other members (this database will have direct and back-office contact information when available); and “**DOC2DOC**” - a member only HIPPA compliant confidential password protected email service.

GAMA will continue to provide a password protected section for your **Practice Managers**. It will include links to NM MGMA website, hosting of their newsletter, educational articles and information, and links of interest.

The **Advocacy** segment will include every tool to make your participation in the GAMA Advocacy program as easy as possible. Included will be news and updates and the GAMA Grassroots Action Center (call to action, take action, and Find Your Elected Officials). The GAMA Legislative Agenda section will include issue information and links to the NMMS advocacy website and the AMA advocacy website. In addition, information on GAMAPAC and an opportunity to contribute online will be available.

The new image and enhanced services are all part of the GAMA Board of Trustees and staff on-going efforts to provide greater member services. Please let us know if there are other features that you would like to see. For more information please contact us at 505.821.4583 or email us at gama@gamamed.org.

MINUTES - BOARD OF TRUSTEES Courtyard by Marriott Journal Center April 14, 2011

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 10, 2011

The minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

a. The following applications were unanimously approved for membership
COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS
April 14, 2011

Name	Practice
Dias MD, Noel G.	X-Ray Associates of NM Diagnostic Radiology
Marjenhoff DO, Jana L.	McLeod Medical Center Family Medicine
Matt MD, Victoria.	New Mexico Orthopaedics Foot & Ankle
Held Over:	
Horton MD, Jeffrey Bauer.	Eisbach Plastic Surgery Plastic Surgery

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Delinquent Members: Delinquent members count is holding steady in the 30ties.
- b. Facilities Committee Report
1. Dr. Gallant gave an overview of the committees activities and recommendation that an outside Broker be hired to assist in the completion of the negotiations. By consensus the Board agreed to hire Dave Hill from Maestas & Ward.
 2. Presentation by Dave Hill (handouts on file)
 3. Following discussion of the items that GAMA would like to have in the new lease, the Board voted unanimously to empower the Facilities Committee members to complete the negotiations and to authorize the final lease terms.
- c. GAMA Quarterly Membership Professional Development/Educational meetings: Next program is “Health Insurance Exchange in New Mexico” with Dr. Jim Tryon as the presenter. Will be held on Tuesday, April 19 from 6:00 PM 8:00 PM at the 4th Floor conference room at Molina Healthcare at 8801 Horizon, NE. CME application will be submitted.
- d. WESTSIDE GAMA Deferred until after the 2011 Legislative Session.
- e. GAMA Advocacy and Legislative Report: (report in file)
1. Snyder gave a Session overview.
 2. Reported on legislative status, including Governor's actions, on legislation endorsed by NMMS and supported by GAMA. (report in file)
 - f. GAMA Future Events: TBD (requested to add to the May Agenda for further discussion)
 1. Review of events/programs identified at Board Retreat in November
 2. Reconvene: Emeritus and Westside GAMA
 3. GAMA Caucus for NMMS House of Delegates Meeting: Thursday, April 28 at 6:00 PM at Eye Associates conference/training room; 3rd Floor at 8801 Horizon Blvd, NE
 4. “Family Fun Fiesta” Sunday, September 18, 2011; 3 PM 6: PM, NHCC
 5. GAMA Expo 2011 (formerly the Vendor Fair) Thursday, October 27, 2011
 6. Sporting Event: Drs. Chan, Brown & Clanon to be planning committee and present a plan for the bike ride at the May Board of Trustees meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS - None

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS No announcements

VI. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Benjamin Q. Chan, M.D., Secretary
Reported by H. Diane Snyder
Approved: May 12, 2011

Allergist - Part-Time: Small Medical Office has an opening for a BC/BE Allergy and Immunology physician. This would be the ideal position for a physician that is semi-retired, or a working mom, or a physician that is just interested in limiting the hours they work. Inquiries treated in confidence. Contact Peter Ronkos 242-4599 Ext 06.

Candidates for Membership



Hudson MD, Tamara S.

is practicing Family Practice at El Pueblo Health Services, 121 Calle del Presidente, Bernalillo, NM 87004, 867-2324. Dr. Hudson received her medical degree in 2001 from the Instituto Universitario de Ciencias de la Salud in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 2007, she completed a one year Internship in Family Medicine at St. Vincent's East Family Medicine in Birmingham, AL. In 2009, she completed a two year Family Medicine Residency at St. Vincent's East Family Medicine in Birmingham, AL. American Board Certified in Family Medicine; Dr. Hudson is licensed to practice medicine in New Mexico



Montminy MD, Richard John

is practicing Aerospace Medicine at Manzano Medical Group, P.C., 505 Elm Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, 727-4930. Dr. Montminy received his medical degree in 1987 from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. In 1988, he completed a one year Transitional Internship (PGY1) at the 375th Medical Group USAF Regional Hospital, located at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. In 1992 he earned a Masters in Public Health and Preventive Medicine from the University of Texas School of Public Health in San Antonio, TX. In 1994, he completed a three year Aerospace Medicine with 3rd Medicine Fellowship at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine located at Brooks AFB in TX. American Board Certified in Aerospace Medicine and American Board Eligible in Occupational Medicine; Dr. Montminy is licensed to practice medicine in New Mexico and Florida.



Sokolich MD, Julio Cesar

is practicing General Surgery at New Mexico Surgical Associates, 711 Encino Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, 843-7901. Dr. Sokolich received his medical degree in 2000 from the Universidad San Martin de Porres in Lima, Peru. In 2002, he completed a two year Residency in Cardio-Thoracic Surgery at the Hospital Nacional Dos de Mayo in Lima, Peru. In 2006, he completed a three year General Surgery Residency at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.. In 2009, he completed a three year Fellowship in Transplant & Hepatobiliary Surgery at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. American Board Certified in General Surgery; Dr. Sokolich is licensed to practice medicine in New Mexico and Florida.



Yu MD, Limin

is practicing Anatomic & Clinical Pathology at Pathology Associates of Albuquerque, P.A., P.O. Box 26666 PHS Lab S1, Albuquerque, NM 87125-6666, 841-1995. Dr. Yu received his medical degree in 1994 from Nanjing University in Nanjing Jiangsu, PR China. In 2010, he completed a 4 year Residency in Clinical & Anatomic Pathology from the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, MI. In June of 2011 he will have completed a one year Fellowship in Dermatopathology from the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, MI. American Board Certified in Pathology; Dr. Yu is licensed to practice medicine in New Mexico and Michigan.

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Physicians Lead Quality Improvement

Dan Derksen, M.D.

A decade after the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) *Crossing the Quality Chasm* report, the quality and cost of ambulatory care in the United States, particularly for patients with chronic disease, continue to concern physicians, patients and policymakers. A myriad of factors influence patient health outcomes. The quality of care provided within our practices, however, is largely within our control.

The Albuquerque Coalition for Healthcare Quality brings primary care physicians and other partners together to develop and lead a community ambulatory quality improvement initiative. Supported by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Coalition invites GAMA primary care physicians to participate in its Physician Advisory Group. Your role will be to help identify quality improvement (QI) pilots and sites, to help implement projects, and to identify how best practices can be shared with other providers in our community and others.

If you are a GAMA primary care physician and would like to participate in the Physician Advisory Group's ambulatory quality improvement initiative, contact Pat Montoya, the Coalition's project director, at 998-9735 or pmontoya@nmmra.org.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provisions and new federal and state regulations increasingly focus on health care quality. Now is the time for physicians to take leadership roles to identify what our community and patients need to improve ambulatory care, implement change, and determine how progress will be valued, measured and reported.

Quality improvement initiatives vary across health care systems, communities, regions and states. A variety of models have been piloted across the country (ex. Patient Centered Medical Home, Accountable Care Organizations). Some pilots show promise. The question is, "What will work in Albuquerque?"

By participating in the Albuquerque Coalition for Healthcare Quality's Physician Advisory Group, Albuquerque's primary care physicians can help design, transform and disseminate ambulatory quality improvement initiatives that work for our patients and in our community.

The Albuquerque Coalition for Healthcare Quality - has been funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's *Aligning Forces for Quality (AF4Q)* initiative since 2009. Robert Graham, MD, is the national program director. AF4Q is a national effort to improve the quality and value of health care in communities. Our Coalition is one of 16 organizations across the United States designated as an AF4Q community. The Coalition is located at the New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA), the state's federally qualified Quality Improvement Organization, and the AF4Q grant holder on behalf of the Albuquerque community. For more information about the Albuquerque Coalition for Healthcare Quality and its work, visit www.abqhealthcarequality.org.



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DIRECT INPATIENT ADMISSIONS

888.727.7646

A registered nurse is available 24/7 to assist you in finding a bed for your patient. If we are unable to place your patient in a Lovelace hospital, we will assist in finding an appropriate transfer.

- Lovelace Medical Center
- Lovelace Women's Hospital
- Lovelace Westside Hospital
- Lovelace Rehabilitation Hospital

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Health System



NEW MEXICO VASCULAR DIAGNOSTICS

VASCULAR LAB
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We provide comprehensive care of venous diseases. This includes treatment of varicose veins in the form of office-based laser venous closure, microphlebectomy and sclerotherapy. We also diagnose and treat deep vein thrombosis. Our services also include arterial and venous doppler studies in our office as well as in the hospitals.
We provide general and vascular surgery consultations.
Most insurance plans accepted.



INSPIRIS is a unique care and care management company focused on improving the health care and the quality of life for the medically complex, chronically ill, frail and elderly patient. **INSPIRIS** partners with individual health plans, traditionally Medicare Advantage and Medicaid plans, to provide high touch care and care management services to patients in the comfort of their own home. These services can be as short as a single visit for clinical and HCC Risk Scoring assessment, short term for management of post-hospital discharged members to long term for those members not accessing the current PCP network.

Physician Career Opportunities

Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico

The INSPIRIS innovative home visit practice model focuses on patients with chronic conditions and with a history of repeat hospital admissions or frequent use of emergency department services. The physician has sufficient time to evaluate the patient's condition, and to observe the patient in the home environment to assess any barriers that may prevent the patient from complying with a recommended treatment plan. Physicians are provided all the necessary equipment and supplies to care for their patients in the home and utilize a customized electronic medical records system (EMR) to document their visits. INSPIRIS provides the ideal practice opportunity for the physician who wants the autonomy of a private practice in a collaborative team environment, supporting a balanced work and personal lifestyle.

We offer a rewarding practice experience to Board Certified/Board Eligible Family Physicians. Excellent compensation and comprehensive benefits package.

To learn more about our Home Visit opportunities direct inquiries and CVs to:
Kathy Rudman / 310 903-3460 / kathy.rudman@inspiris.com



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Accepting Applications for the 2011-2012 school year

Beginning August 1, 2011 we will be accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year

Independent, non-profit pre-kindergarten through grade five

Bus service available from the Westside & NE Heights

1801 Central Avenue NW
505-243-6659

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Manzano Day School admits students without regard to religion, race, color, creed, gender, gender identification, disability, age, sexual orientation or ethnic background.

GREATER ALBUQUERQUE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Fun & Fitness "Bike'N the Bosque"

GAMA Is Kicking Off Our NEW SERIES OF "FUN & FITNESS" MINI EVENTS. Small Events Provid-ing For a Fun And Fitness time For Our Members And Their Families Will Be Offered Throughout The Year. Watch For Details On The Cumulative Marathon.

What: Bike Ride (Or Walk If You Prefer)

When: Saturday, June 18

Time: 7:30 AM Check-In

8:00 AM Ride Starts

Location: Tingley Beach (meet near bait shop) to Rio Bravo & Back

Free Raffle Tickets for Prizes for Participants!!



To Register Visit:

www.gamabikenthebosque.eventbrite.com



Directory Changes

Please make the following changes to your directory. We make every attempt to ensure the information is correct.

Address Corrections:
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Joel Saland MD
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jsaland@pol.net
(Dr. Joel Saland is not an actual partner of the High Desert Pediatrics practice. His mailing address is the same as theirs but he only works out of their office part-time.)

Dr. Dorsey Beggs is no longer at the High Desert Pediatrics office. She is now a Hospitalist at Presbyterian. No address given.

Moved:
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William F Willis
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Dermatology
Has retired

Shilpa G. Reddy was mistakenly listed as Suraj Reddy.
Albuquerque Dermatology Associates, PA
5310 Homestead Rd. NE Suite 301
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Network Clinical Director Home Based Programs Albuquerque/Santa Fe New Mexico

We are currently looking for a seasoned NP or Physician to fill our Clinical Director position which entails the following responsibility:

The Clinical Director works in collaboration with market operations team to provide care to eligible members while meeting financial and quality metrics for all clinical programs. Manages day-to-day operations issues for assigned clinical programs. Provides direct leadership and supervision to field-level clinical staff to meet desired clinical and business results. Builds and maintains positive relationships with facilities and primary care providers in the local market. Reports to Vice President of Clinical Services.

- Physician or Nurse Practitioner with minimum of 5 years of clinical experience required
- 2 years of administrative / management experience preferred (preferably in the long-term care and/or managed care setting)

To learn more about INSPIRIS and opportunities, please direct inquiries and CVs to: Jere Tickle / 805-210-2429 / Jere.Tickle@Inspiris.com

Read more about us at: www.inspiris.com

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The Interventional Oncology department at New Mexico Cancer Center offers your patients the opportunity to receive minimally invasive, non-surgical care for cancers previously thought beyond treatment. Interventional Oncology can be used alone or in conjunction with chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy, depending on the type and stage of the patient's cancer.

When you refer a patient to New Mexico Cancer Center, our multidisciplinary team works closely with you to ensure your patients receive the care they need and that you are always updated on their procedures and treatment plan.

We accept most major insurance plans. Please call **505-822-3810** to refer your patients for Interventional Oncology or any of the services we provide.



NMCC
 NEW MEXICO CANCER CENTER
New Mexico Oncology Hematology Consultants, Ltd.



GAMA Calendar of Events

Bike'N the Bosque

Saturday, June 18, 2011

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

(for more info see page 9 of the newsletter)

<http://gamabikenthebosque.eventbrite.com/>

GAMA Family Fun Fiesta

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011

from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

at the National Hispanic Cultural Center

GAMA Expo

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Physician Networking Event

Marriott Pyramid

5-8 p.m.

This year our nonprofit partner will be Barrett Foundation

NM MGMA Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 26th

Joint GAMA/NMMGMA meeting

Site: TBD

Noon to 1:30

Irene Parra, NM Workforce Connection

"Training that is Available to Your Employees at no Cost"

Wednesday, September 14

At NMMS office

Noon to 1:30

Performance Evaluations by Teresa Marie w/Positive Results Consulting

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