



Our Mission

Making Communities Healthier

Our Vision

To be a place where:

People choose to come for healthcare,

Physicians want to practice, and

Employees want to work.

Our High Five Guiding Principles

These principles guide our actions and decision making and define what our community can expect from us as a healthcare partner.

- Delivering high quality patient care
- Supporting physicians
- Creating excellent workplaces for our employees
- Taking a leadership role in our communities
- Ensuring fiscal responsibility

Memorial Staff, Medical Staff, Board of Trustees and Community:

Introductory CEO Remarks

It was an incredible honor and heartwarming experience to share the Ribbon Cutting at our new Memorial Cancer Center with a room filled with more than 100 guests. In the audience were survivors and their families, Memorial staff, members of the Press, the Chambers, and public, and dignitaries including Governor Martinez and Dr.



Cheryl Willman, of UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. So many of our guests expressed gratitude for the investment we have made in nationally accredited cancer care – right here at home. To make the front page of both local newspapers is quite an honor, and speaks to the importance of this Cancer Center in making our southern New Mexico communities healthier.

Memorial Physicians Achieve National Recognition

Dr. Dolorez Gomez, our Chief Medical Officer, and Dr. John Andazola, Director of the Family Medicine Residency Program at Memorial were both featured in a national newsletter published by Dr. Russell Holman, Chief Medical Officer for LifePoint Health. Dr. Gomez was featured in the cover story for her initiatives utilizing Peer Review. Dr. Andazola was applauded for receiving this year's Hispanic Health Leadership Award from the National Hispanic Health Foundation. Memorial is proud to have these nationally recognized physicians on our team.



Behavioral Health Director Receives Award

Tenika Gonzalez, RN, is the Director of Behavioral Health Services at Memorial. Recently, Dona Ana County Department of Health presented Tenika with an award for operational excellence in her trailblazing work to introduce trauma-informed care at Memorial and in our community. Congratulations, Tenika, on your outstanding work!



20th Class of Family Physicians Celebrates Graduation

Can you believe it? We just graduated the 20th class of family physicians at the Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program! Six Family Medicine Doctors and a Doctor of Pharmacy celebrated as they prepare to begin their careers. All passed their Board Exam on the first attempt, so each of our Resident doctors graduated as Board Certified Family Physicians! It is a great source of pride that more than 70% of our graduating residents have chosen to stay in New Mexico to practice. Of this year's class, three MDs will be working with several of our affiliated Memorial Physician Practices, including Dr. Dickie Romero (third from right), Dr. Mai Oushy (far left), and Dr. Martha Montanez (third from left). Dr. Diane Drumm (far right) will be working in Albuquerque and Dr. Marco Maldonado (second from right) will be practicing in Lovington, while Dr. Alaa Hussein (second from left) will be practicing in Texas. These are truly outstanding physicians and any community would be fortunate to have them. We wish the very best to each of our graduating physicians, and encourage them to keep in touch with their Memorial family.



Residency Bids Farewell to Mentor and Friend Dr. Marlin Hoover

With a sad heart and genuine affection, the 20th Graduating Class of the Southern New Mexico Family Residency Program, their faculty and the entire Memorial Medical Center staff bid a fond farewell to Dr. Marlin Hoover as he announced his retirement this month. Dr. Hoover, a Prescribing Psychologist, has been a faculty member at the Residency Program and physician at the MMC Family Medicine Center for 11 years. Great residents and outstanding physicians are shaped by outstanding teachers. Dr. Hoover is one of the best! He is retiring from full-time work and will be moving back to Chicago, his hometown. We wish him all the best and thank Dr. Hoover for his exemplary work in shaping the professional lives of so many family physicians.

First Class of LaunchPoint Nurse Residents Celebrates Graduation



Patients constantly tell us that the nursing care at Memorial is outstanding. This month, twelve well-trained nurses celebrated their graduation from Memorial's new LaunchPoint[®] Nurse Residency Program. LaunchPoint[®] is a nurse training course unique to Memorial that offers new or seasoned nurses a chance to study in the classroom and work with nurse proctors and mentors while on the job here. The goal is for the nurses to hone their skills and become a high trained, confident, compassionate, high quality provider. It's a win-win for Memorial and our patients as we groom and mentor these special caregivers to be the best they can be. After their year-long residency training, these nurses commit to stay at Memorial for a minimum of two years. We congratulate the Education and HR Department for developing this unique program, and we commend and congratulate our nurse graduates.

For the First Time in Southern New Mexico Fibroscan[®] Liver Testing is Now Available

Fibroscan[®] is a type of ultrasound procedure that measures the health condition of a person's liver. It is a non-invasive, painless alternative to a liver biopsy. The patient is not sedated and the procedure generally takes less than 15 minutes with no side effects. Melissa Cometti, RN, Director of the Wound Care & Outpatient Special Services Center, recently completed extensive training on Fibroscan[®]. Memorial Wound Care Center & Outpatient Special Services is located next to the HealthPlex at 2735 E. Northrise Drive. For more information about Fibroscan[®], or to arrange an appointment, call 575-532-4399.



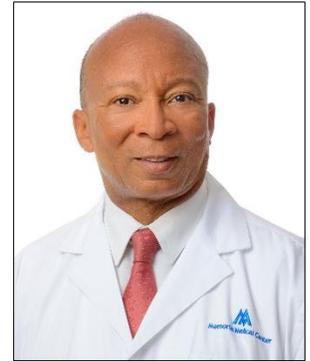


Amanda Chavez Promoted to Manager of Special Services

We are pleased to announce that Amanda Chavez has been promoted to Manager of Memorial Special Services Department. Amanda previously served as a Coordinator in our Imaging Department for six years. Our goal is to promote from within whenever possible, and Amanda has proven to be a quality leader. The Special Services Department is responsible for a variety of cardiovascular tests such as an EKG, Stress Testing, EEG, Vascular Ultrasound, and Echocardiography, among others. Our Special Services/Cardiovascular Testing Department is located on the main floor of the hospital and can be reached by calling 575-521-2211.

Free Foot and Ankle Screening Clinic Back By Popular Demand

A number of months back we conducted a Foot and Ankle Clinic that was so well attended we are going to do it again. Dr. John Trotter will be conducting the screenings. Dr. Trotter is a board certified, fellowship trained foot and ankle orthopedic surgeon – the only one in our region – who works at Memorial Bone+Joint Center. The second Free Foot and Ankle Screening Clinic will be held on **Saturday, June 30th from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM at Memorial Bone & Joint Center on 150 N. Roadrunner Parkway**. No appointment is necessary; just walk in for an initial screening. A continental breakfast will be served.



Cancer Survivors Day 2018 at Memorial

In Closing...

There were several very emotional moments at the Memorial Cancer Center Ribbon Cutting celebration on June 11th. As we heard Dr. Cherie Hayostek, Medical Director of Radiation Oncology, speak about the advanced technology we now have and the scope of care we can provide, I beamed with pride that a former Mayo Clinic physician would choose to come to Memorial Cancer Center to care for patients. When Dr. William Adler, Medical Director of Medical Oncology and Hematology, stood up to talk about the national level of quality care we provide for patients needing chemotherapy treatment, he was most impassioned when he talked about the patients and families whose lives he celebrates because they are now survivors. The most touching moment came when our very special guest, cancer survivor Juana Hannan, stood up along with her husband and their two young sons and humbly celebrated life. The Saturday preceding this Ribbon Cutting event was Survivors Day and we hosted and celebrated with a large group of survivors. In moments such as these, what an honor it is for each of us who works with Memorial to realize, what we do...Saves Lives.



Choose to Be Healthy,

John Harris, CEO
Memorial Medical Center