

**PROGRAM NAME**

**CASPR # 0254**

1501 San Pedro Drive SE  
Surgical Service 112  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

**CRIP** Section 1

Rescue Fund Insured: Yes

**DIRECTOR**

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COTH Member thru 6/30: Yes

**HOSPITAL DESCRIPTION**

**Entry Level Positions**

Type	# Approved	# Active
PMSR/RRA	4	4

**Accreditation:** JCAHO **Has Clerkship Program:** yes

**# Staff DPMS:** 20

**Affiliated Institutions:** Co-sponsored with Kaiser Sacramento, CA; Affiliation: Presbyterian, UNM Childrens, Lovelace and NMO Surg. Center, private office for Clubfoot casting. TWO of the four PGY-3 residents will go to Kaiser

**Other Residency Programs:** Optometry, ENT, Rotating Residents from University of New Mexico

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCES**

<b>Anesthesiology:</b> yes	<b>Internal Medicine:</b> yes	<b>Pathology/Lab:</b> yes	<b>Rehabilitation:</b> no
<b>Behavioral Science:</b> yes	<b>Infectious Disease:</b> yes	<b>Pediatrics:</b> yes	<b>Rheumatology:</b> no
<b>Dermatology:</b> yes	<b>Neurology:</b> no	<b>Plastic Surgery:</b> yes	<b>Surgery (General):</b> yes
<b>Diabetic Wound Care:</b> yes	<b>Orthopedics:</b> yes	<b>Podiatry:</b> yes	<b>Trauma:</b> yes
<b>Emergency Room:</b> yes	<b>Office Rotations:</b> yes	<b>Podiatry (Surgery):</b> yes	<b>Vascular Surgery:</b> yes
<b>Family Practice:</b> no	<b>Outpatient Clinic:</b> yes	<b>Radiology:</b> yes	

**Other Clinical Experiences:** Pediatric Orthopaedics during second year at Carrie Tingley Childrens Hospital. Additional podiatric surgery training at outside institutions during third year and a private office rotation for Clubfoot casting.

**Program Emphasis:** Complex foot and ankle surgery including total ankle replacements. Trauma, reconstructive, Limb salvage, Charcot and wound care. Club foot casting.

**DIDACTIC PROGRAM**

<b>Grand Rounds:</b> yes	<b>Research:</b> yes	<b>Book Club:</b> yes
<b>Journal Club:</b> yes		<b>Lecture Series:</b> yes

**RESIDENT BENEFITS**

<b>Stipends:</b> PMSR/RRA: \$45,011/ \$47,507/ \$50,627	<b>CME Allowance:</b> no	<b>Housing:</b> no	<b>Uniforms:</b> yes
	<b>Health Insurance:</b> yes	<b>Meals:</b> no	<b>Vacation:</b> yes
	<b>Malpractice Insurance:</b> yes	<b>Sick Leave:</b> yes	

**Other Resident Benefits:** Heavy didactic activity to include lectures and workshops using sawbones and cadavers. Annual State Meeting. CME opportunities are available. Housing and meals are not covered.

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**

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<b>ACLS:</b> yes	<b>CPR:</b> yes	<b>Clerkship Required:</b> no
<b>APMLE Pt III:</b> No	<b>State License 1st yr:</b> training	<b>Minimum GPA:</b> 3.2
<b>Program Fee:</b> \$0.00	<b>Fee Refundable:</b> n/a	<b>Minimum Rank:</b> upper 1/3

**Deadline:** 11/7/2018

**Payable To:** n/a

**Other Applicant Requirements:** Must have registered with Selective Services, Background checks and Drug Screening required. CORE and/or Clerkship rotation strongly recommended to be considered for residency.

**AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

**Sample Contract:** Contact Program **Benefit Package:** Contact Program **Curriculum:** At CRIP

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The program is co-sponsored by Kaiser Foundation Hospital- Sacramento. TWO out of 4 PGY III residents will go to Kaiser Foundation Hospital-Sacramento for the third year and the others will remain at the VA ABQ. All sites are designated as PMSR with added credential in RRA. The NM VA Healthcare System has a "sharing agreement" with Kirtland Air Force base which allows our residents to treat young active adults. The surgery schedule is also very busy and runs 3 full OR days per week with add ons as necessary. All residents share call responsibility. Podiatry covers all lower extremity trauma from our emergency department. The program is well rounded. We have a very busy clinic and there is a separate Nail Clinic ran by Nail Health Techs. The residents spend a month at Carrie Tingley Childrens Hospital. In addition, the residents rotate with 25 community DPM's including a private office rotation focusing on Ponseti clubfoot casting.