

{TOP DOCS} INTERNAL MEDICINE

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When did you start practicing? I graduated from the University of Arizona College of Medicine in 1982, did my internship and residency at the University of Colorado, and began practicing in 1985.

Why practice in Albuquerque? I was fortunate to be offered a faculty position at the University of New Mexico in 1999. My wife and I love Albuquerque as it's much like our "hometown" of Tucson, Arizona.

Why did you choose your specialty? I love the complexity and challenge of taking care of patients with difficult medical problems. Internal medicine affords me this opportunity.

What do you define as "good bedside manner"? An approach to the patient that's respectful of them as a person, mindful of the distress that disease can cause and grateful to be allowed to be a part of their care.

What is a traditional piece of medical advice that you don't follow? Get plenty of rest.

What is one piece of traditional medical advice that you do follow? Get plenty of exercise.

What makes you "squamous"? Heights—anything above 10 feet.

What is your secret talent? I'd like to think I have some talent for music. But this is no secret as I impose my playing on anybody unfortunate enough to be in listening range.



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When did you start practicing? I started practicing as a licensed physician in Denver during my residency. I was moonlighting in a small office for my attending. It was a great place to start seeing patients and gain my skills and confidence. I then completed my residency and moved to Albuquerque to work with St. Joseph's Hospital.

Why practice in Albuquerque? I love this state and the people in the state. I'm Navajo and this is my homeland. I have made many connections through patient care and have a great circle of friends. I really feel like I'm at home here.

What do you define as "good bedside manner"? Treating individuals and families with respect is the best way to achieve good bedside manners. This is a skill I learned from my parents. I have practiced more than 13 years and do the best I can to continue this with my patients.

What is one traditional piece of medical advice that you follow? I try the best I can to walk my talk—that's, take care of myself. I strive to live the best way I can and live a healthy life. I exercise and follow good diet habits with my family.



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When did you start practicing? 1990.

Why did you choose your specialty? I'm trained in general medicine and pediatrics. I had the naive sense that I could serve and benefit others through general practice, and I still hold to that.

Why practice in Albuquerque? The brilliant sunrise, my office overlooks the Sandia. Also, the university is a good place to work. People work hard to meet patients' needs. The atmosphere is uplifting.

What do you define as "good bedside manner"? Giving one's full attention to the person before you. I believe the secret to patient care is in caring about the patient and I try to live that out.

Tell us about your most memorable patient. An elderly Navajo gentleman had a rapidly progressive and fatal lung disease, and in the midst of this, calmly requested not to be placed on the ventilator. He peacefully passed on. His courage and calm still inspire me.

What is one traditional piece of medical advice that you follow? Wellness literature tells us to build strong and build healthy relationships—healthy people in the broad sense, not just those physically healthy. I tend to be involved in healthy relationships. I keep trying. That said, I have two wonderful women in my life: my wife and daughter, that regularly teach me to let go of my ego and learn to really love.