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Local Surgeon Appointed to UNM Volunteer Faculty



Robert Pendrak, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Robert Pendrak, M.D., of Carlsbad, has been appointed Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine (UNMSOM).

Dr. Pendrak, a board certified surgeon, is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (F.A.C.S.), practicing through Pecos Valley Physician Group at Pendrak Surgical since 2005. He is an active Member of the Carlsbad Medical Center Medical Staff, where he serves as Vice Chief of Staff and Medical Director of Trauma Services for the hospital's Level III Trauma Center. Dr. Pendrak also serves on numerous trauma committees at the state level.

"We will be having students rotating with us and hopefully give them an idea of how satisfying a career in rural surgery can be," he said of his appointment.

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About Carlsbad Medical Center

Carlsbad Medical Center is a full-service 127-bed community hospital. Since 2004, CMC has reinvested a total of \$20 million in improvements and expansions, including a new Outpatient Diagnostic Center, upgraded diagnostic imaging equipment, an expanded Intensive Care Unit, and an upgraded and expanded Emergency Department. A \$15 million renovation project begun in 2009 includes the construction of additional operating rooms, a renovated Women's Services Unit, and a remodeled front entrance and lobby, is scheduled to be completed by December 2010.