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## Medical Providers

**Medical Director**

**Santiago R. Macias, MD**

Dr. Macias is board certified in Family Medicine. He graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and completed a residency in Family Medicine at the the University of New Mexico. He is Adjunct Faculty for the University's Department of Family and Community Medicine and is active in coordinating and attending family residents in their continuity practice at the South Valley Family Health Commons. His primary clinic of practice is the South Valley Family Health Commons. His interests include practicing the full spectrum of family medicine, developing the Commons Model and community medicine.

### Medical Providers by Location

**Alameda Health Center**

**R. Shaun Aries, MD**

Training: UNM medical school graduation 2004 and Internal medicine residency at UNM graduation 2007, Chief Medical resident UNM 2007-2008. Specialty: Internal Medicine. Experience: 3 years post residency experience. Interests: Cycling, Mechanics, Hiking

## Barbara Bath, MD

I have been a Board certified Family Doctor for 22 years. I went to New York Medical College then did my residency at The Brown University Residency program in Rhode Island. I have been practicing in New Mexico for almost 15 years, and I have been at First Choice Alameda Clinic for 12 years. I see all ages including newborns.

**Milton Godinez, MD**

Dr. Godinez graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and completed his residency in OB/GYN at Kaiser Foundation Hospital from 1976-1980. E

has been in practice with First Choice Community Healthcare since 1992, providing family planning, gynecological exams, colposcopy, gynecological office procedures and consultation.

**Lucas Lujan, PA-C**

**Megan McCoy, CFNP**

[Alamosa Health Center](#)

**Ben Buxton, MD**

Training: UNM medical school graduation 2008. Specialty: Family Medicine

**Jessica Jimenez, PA-C**

**Galen Loughrey, MD**

**Adela Tam, MD**

Dr. Tam is board certified in Family Medicine. After completing medical school at George Washington University in Washington D.C., she completed her residency in Family Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Tam practices at First Choice Community Healthcare's Alamosa Center. In her spare time, she enjoys yoga, mountain biking, and cooking.

**Delfino Candelaria, MD**

Training: UNM medical school graduation 1985. Board certified in pediatrics.

[Belen Health Center](#)

**Scott Jeansonne, MD**

**Stephen Cohen, MD (peds)**

**Thanh-Tam Ho, CNM**

[Edgewood Health Center](#)

**Saverio Sava, MD**

Dr. Sava is board certified in Family Medicine. After graduating from Albany, New York Medical School, he completed a residency in Family Medicine at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Sava is an Associate Professor in the UNM Department of Family & Community Medicine and former medical director of First Choice Community Healthcare and practices at the Mountain Valley Regional Health Center located in Edgewood, NM.

**Deborah Fuller, FNP, Certified Nurse Practitioner**

**Ilah Jones, FNP**

Ilah Jones has been practicing as a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner since 1999. She had a background in medical-surgical and trauma nursing for many years before completing her Masters in Nursing from the University of New Mexico NP program. She has been at the Edgewood First Choice site since its inception in the spring of 2000. NP Jones is interested in complementary medicine and incorporates prevention of disease by emphasizing healthy habits such as exercise and a healthy diet. She spends her spare time in active outdoor activities such as hiking, cross-country and downhill skiing, whitewater rafting and gardening. "I am proud to be a member of the First Choice Community Healthcare team in Edgewood as I know we have made a difference in providing access and quality healthcare for our patients. I personally choose to work for a non-profit healthcare organization and appreciate the mission of access and continuity of care that First Choice provides for its patients."

**Marie Mugavin, CFNP, Certified Nurse Practitioner**

**Tim Wilcox, MD**

Training: UNM School of Medicine graduate 2007, specialty: Family Practice

[Los Lunas Health Center](#)

**Mark Evanko, DO**

Training: College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Pacific in California 1987.

**Karen Phillips, MD**

Training: UNM School of Medicine Graduate, 1994

**Kenneth Yamamoto, MD**

Training: Jefferson University, 1982. Board Certified in Internal Medicine

**Cathy Fresquez, MD**

Training: UNM School of Medicine Graduate 1999

**Heather Ouellette, MD (peds)**

**Laura Bush, FNP**

**T. Ho, CNM**

**Tia Roes, PA-C**

**J. Price, MD**

**S. Long, MD**

**M. Sutter, MD (FPs-OB)**

[North Valley Health Center](#)**James Stapleton, FNP**

I have been a Family Nurse Practitioner for 16 years, and I graduated from the University of New Mexico FNP program. All of my clinical experience has been in family practice clinics with underserved populations. My interests include early pediatrics/development and management of chronic diseases. I enjoy First Choice because it provides high quality care to all ages.

**Maryalyse Adams-Mercado, MD**

Training University of Wisconsin Medical School. Graduated 2006 with specialty in Family Medicine.

**Milena Archuleta, FNP****Steven Ogas, MD****B. Leigh Vall-Spinosa, MD**

Training UNM School of Medicine 1996, Board Certified in Family Medicine

[Rio Grande High School](#)**Jamie Bailon, PA-C**

Training at UNM Physician Assistant School. Graduated 2008

[South Broadway Health Center](#)**Jennifer Pentecost, MD**

I am a board certified Family Physician. I went to Medical School at the University of Kansas and did my residency in Pueblo, CO finishing in 1995. I have worked in community health centers my entire career in Colorado, Washington and for the past 8 years here in New Mexico at First Choice. I practice the full spectrum of family medicine except for OB. I have a special interest in school wellness and obesity prevention. I strive to use an integrative approach to disease prevention and management whenever possible. I joined First Choice because I feel that quality, accessible, affordable health care is a human right and should not be only for those that can pay.

**Christopher Alliman, MD**

Christopher Alliman attended medical school at the University of Kansas Medical Center and then did his Family Medicine residency in Minneapolis, MN. While then working in Kansas City he specialized in HIV and Hepatitis C care and continued with general family medicine. He moved to Albuquerque in August of 2011 and is enjoying the approach and philosophy of First Choice. He enjoys the outdoor activities of New Mexico and often goes hiking with his wife and two children.

**Monica Briones, MD**

B.A.- University of Texas at Austin

M.D.- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Family Medicine Residency- University of New Mexico

Board Certified in Family Medicine

Special interests include obstetrics, prenatal care and Women's Health

I chose to work for First Choice because of its commitment to quality healthcare for all patients, including the uninsured. I enjoy working to keep all members of the family healthy- from newborns to the elderly.

**Caline Cone, MD**

A New Mexico native, I completed both medical school and a residency in Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico. I enjoy practicing family medicine at First Choice Community Healthcare because of the variety of patients I see, and I especially like serving multiple generations within the same family. I provide prenatal care and attend the births of my patients whenever possible. I have been in practice since 2008.

**Robin Fishman, PA-C**

Robin received her Bachelor of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1978. She is trained in Family Practice and spent five years working at the Pueblo Neighborhood Health Centers in Colorado before moving to New Mexico in 1983. She spent two years working in the walk-in clinic at the University of New Mexico Student Health Center. While she enjoyed the students and the campus atmosphere, she missed having continuity with her patients as well as the community health center connection. She came to First Choice Community Healthcare in 1985 and believes in making a difference in people's lives.

**Tasha Ludwick, DO**

Dr. Ludwick is board certified in Osteopathic Family Medicine. She graduated from University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Maine. She completed her residency at University of New Mexico Family and Community Medicine. She is currently a full time provider of Family Medicine at South Broadway First Choice Clinic.

**Steven Ogas, MD****Mona Shah, MD**

Dr. Shah graduated from medical school at Saint Louis University in Missouri 2000-2004, and completed her Pediatric Residency at the University of New Mexico from 2004-2007. She was Chief Resident of Pediatrics at UNM from 2007-2008. She is board certified in General Pediatrics and has practiced as a General Pediatrician since 2008 working with First Choice since 2008.

[South Valley Health Center](#)**Augustine Chavez, MD**

Training UNM School of Medicine. Graduated 2006 with specialty in Family Medicine.

**Jamie Bailon, PA-C**

Training at UNM Physician Assistant School. Graduated 2008

**Silaja Cheruvu, MD****Vanessa Jacobsohn, MD**

Training University of Massachusetts Medical School. Graduated 2005 with specialty in Family Medicine.

**Will Kaufman, MD****Anna Lake, MD**

Training UNM School of Medicine Graduated 1990

**Santiago Macias, MD**

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**Liana Ponce, MD****Brian Shelley, MD**

Brian M. Shelley MD is the Wellness Director at First Choice Community Healthcare. He completed residency in Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico, and is currently board-certified in Family Medicine and Independent Medical Examination. He directs the Chronic Pain Clinic at the South Valley, and also directs the FCCH stress reduction programs.

**Jennifer Garcia, MD (peds)**

I am a native of Albuquerque and attended the University of New Mexico for both medical school and residency training. I am Board Certified in Pediatrics and started practicing Pediatrics in 2009. I have a special interest in working with families to improve childhood development and parent-child relationships, as well as a focus on preventing and managing childhood obesity.

**Lucianna Trujillo, MD (peds)**

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Oct 15, 2012

October is Health Literacy Month and on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 the Bernalillo County Commission recognized Health Literacy Month through a proclamation.

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### [First Choice Receives Affordable Care Act Grant](#)

Sep 28, 2012

The US Department of Health and Human Services announced today that twelve Community Health Centers in NM will receive Affordable Care Grants to assist set up of patient centered medical homes and expand cervical cancer screening for women.

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