



I am excited to announce that Dr. Jennifer Phillips will be the next Associate Chair of UNM Department of Family and Community Medicine. She replaces the long and productive tenure of Dr. Betty Skipper PhD who recently transitioned into her working retirement.

Dr. Phillips is an Associate Professor who has excelled in her previous role as Vice Chair for Clinical Services. Her leadership and collaborative expertise has helped build a network of primary care clinics that provide inter-professional education and clinical care for UNM's clinical network.

As Associate Chair, she will collaborate with communities and health care workers across the state to build a network of service learning scholarly connections to expand primary care and improve the health of the state. She was also recently elected by the UNM Medical Staff to serve as Chief of Staff for UNM Hospitals and Clinics for 2017-2019. Dr. Phillips is a native New Mexican and graduated from UNM in 1997 and UNM Medical School in 2001.

Her special clinical interests are women's health and reproduction, obstetrics, pediatrics, and preventive care. She comes from a long line of educators and likes to teach those who would like to learn about health and medicine. Jennifer practices patient-centered care, and seeks to inspire her patients to be attentive to living healthy lives, involving the body, mind and spirit. Her current passions are creating systems and leading teams that address the social determinants of health, celebrate and promote diversity, and reduce health disparities in New Mexico.

She combines a unique combination of kindness, collaboration and tenacious productivity that makes us all want to try a little harder and do our work a little better. We are grateful for her leadership to help us improve the lives of those we are privileged to serve and educate.