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When did you start practicing? In 1998, when I graduated medical school at age 25.

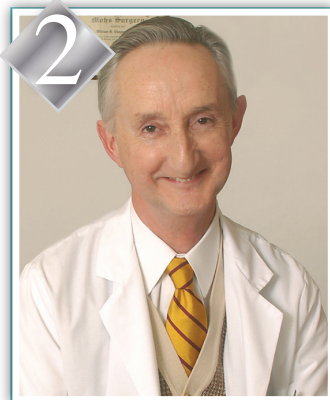
Why practice in Albuquerque? I've lived in New Mexico since I was 3 years old. I love the Albuquerque area due to its nearly perfect climate, great food, diverse culture, and most of all, the wonderful people that I'm privileged to meet and help everyday.

Why did you choose your specialty? When I was a fourth year medical student with my career path set on orthopedic surgery, my wife, also a medical student at the time, identified a worrisome lesion on my back that turned out to be an early melanoma. She saved my life. The experience made me aware of the need for dedicated dermatologists to detect and treat these potentially lethal skin cancers. I changed from ortho to derm and I believe that my experiences as a dermatology patient make me a better dermatology physician.

What do you define as "good bedside manner"? In our office, it starts in the waiting room, where patients will spend little time, because I run on time.. It's my responsibility to not waste their time. It's not unusual for me to see the patient prior to their appointment time. I refuse to overbook my schedule for my convenience. I dedicate an appropriate amount of time to see each and every patient without being under pressure to rush out. Most importantly, good bedside manner is treating each and every patient with compassion and respect.

What makes you "squeamish"? Nothing, and I mean nothing makes me squeamish, except for sushi! Does anyone actually really like that stuff?

What is your secret talent? My not-so-secret talent is choosing a great dermatology partner. Jill Ortiz was the ATM dermatology top doc last year!



William Chapman, M.D.

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When did you start practicing? I studied at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and Harvard Medical School and graduated in 1971, going right into practice.

Why practice in Albuquerque? I came here from Harvard as a professor at the University of New Mexico Medical School to teach, liked the Southwest and the "old

fashioned" courtesy of the people and decided to stay and raise a family here and have never regretted it.

Why did you choose your specialty? It's a unique mix of medicine and surgery that I enjoy with many new and evolving treatments and technologies.

What do you define as "good bedside manner"? Listen to the patient.

What is the most common way you're solicited for medical advice? From existing patients and other doctors.

What are your special interests related to your field? Skin cancer and melanoma detection and treatment.



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When did you start practicing? I came to the University of New Mexico in 1982; I've been in practice for 27 years.

Why did you choose your specialty? Dermatologists are bright, fun people to be around. The specialty allows contact with all age groups and treatment entails both medical and/or

the surgical interventions.

What do you define as "good bedside manner"? Be friendly, but most of all, listen to your patient.

What is a traditional piece of medical advice that you don't follow? I don't eat enough salads—greens. I like meat.

What are your special interests related to your field? My areas of interest and specialty is skin surgery/skin oncology. Also laser surgery.

What is your secret talent? I'm a good listener and a good cook.