



NAME: CDR ED STEIN

JOB TITLE: PHARMACIST EDUCATOR

AGENCY: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES (IHS)

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:

Since 1998, CDR Stein has served as the Pharmacist Educator at the Indian Health Services (IHS) Clinical Support Center in Phoenix AZ. The Clinical Support Center is located at the IHS Headquarters and is an accredited sponsor of continuing education for clinicians.

CDR Stein's duties include accreditation of educational programs and development of training programs for pharmacists serving nationwide in IHS. One of the most important programs is the Pharmacy Practice Training Program, which is a week long course taken by new pharmacists to learn pharmacy practice in the IHS and practice skill sets. In his position, CDR Stein travels frequently to IHS practice sites across the nation to conduct pharmacist continuing education programs and provide leadership and administrative meeting support for all health care professions.

A key challenge he faces is ensuring the Clinical Support Center remains accredited with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) every six years. This requires a lot of preparation and quality assurance to ensure his organization provides the best possible continuing education to pharmacists.

He has served as the point of contact for IHS pharmacist recruitment for the last seven years. In this role, he has had the opportunity to attend national meetings for organizations such as ASHP and APhA. He also visits pharmacy schools in the US to recruit for pharmacists.

In the past he has served as the Pharmacist Representative for the IHS Loan Repayment Program. He interacted at the headquarters level with various disciplines within IHS and was an advocate of pharmacist needs within the IHS. The Loan Repayment program is offered by IHS for hard to fill positions and offers monetary assistance with educational loans.

EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:

CDR Stein attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He initially received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and taught high school math for

one year. Then he returned to Creighton University and received his Bachelor of Pharmacy (1992) and Doctor of Pharmacy (1993) degrees. He completed the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Ambulatory Care Specialty Residency while working at Whiteriver Hospital in Phoenix AZ.

CDR Stein is a certified Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) instructor and instructs health care professionals at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, one of four referral medical centers in the IHS. He is also a certified instructor and trainer for the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) Immunization Program. He trained a cadre of approximately twenty IHS pharmacists to be Immunization Program instructors with the goal of increasing the number of Immunization trained pharmacists in the IHS.

He is currently working towards a Master of Public Health degree through the University of Massachusetts, School of Public Health and Health Sciences (Amherst, MA). He expects to graduate in December 2005.

QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:

- Doctor of Pharmacy (1993)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy (1992)
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Ambulatory Care Specialty Residency
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) instructor
- American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) Immunization Program instructor
- Four years of experience as an IHS Staff Pharmacist

REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:

While in pharmacy school, CDR Stein learned of the USPHS and IHS from a classmate that had just returned from the Tuba City Navajo Reservation in Arizona. Coincidentally, the next month CDR Stein was off to Phoenix, AZ for a clinical rotation and decided to inquire about the IHS for himself. He found the opportunities to be interesting and he took a position with the IHS in January 1994 after graduation.

PREVIOUS USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:

CDR Stein has served at three duty stations, all with the IHS during his USPHS career. His first position was as a Staff Pharmacist at a Whiteriver Hospital satellite pharmacy located in a clinic in Cibecue, AZ. He worked there for approximately one and a half years before transferring to his second duty station,

Whiteriver Hospital, Phoenix, AZ. He worked there as a Staff Pharmacist until transferring to his current position in 1998.

MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

CDR Stein says the most rewarding aspect of his job in the USPHS is precepting pharmacy students and sharing the many pharmacy opportunities in both the IHS and USPHS. While at Whiteriver Hospital and Cibecue Health Center, CDR Stein coordinated preceptor agreements with approximately fifteen pharmacy schools located throughout the country. He shared preceptor responsibilities for one to three students per semester and also precepted Junior COSTEP students in the summer months. In his current position as Pharmacist Educator, CDR Stein travels frequently for educational programs, however, he still preceptors Junior COSTEPS when his schedule permits.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:

CDR Stein participates in numerous pharmacy organizations and activities. He is a member of the Commissioned Officer's Association (COA), Retired Officer's Association (ROA), Association of Military Surgeons of the US (AMSUS), APhA and ASHP.

He volunteers his time for the APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition at the Annual APhA meeting by writing clinical cases and organizing USPHS officers to act as judges and patients for the competition.

SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST:

CDR Stein is enthusiastic about his experiences with the tribe he has served. He has learned of their culture and attended tribal ceremonies. He loves the outdoor activities available to him and his family, including hiking and camping. While working on the reservation, he has volunteered to help the EMTs at the rodeos on the reservation, which he describes as a great time for all. He has also volunteered as a trainer for local high school football games.

By Kristina Joyce-Pittman