

CAPT John T. Hurley  
Physical Therapist

Dates: February 6, 1985 – February 1, 2005

CAPT John T. Hurley will complete 20 years of dedicated service to his Country in February, 2005. It is with great honor that the Therapist Category recognizes his many accomplishments and distinguished years of service.

In 1975 CAPT Hurley completed his Bachelor of Science degree in physical therapy at California State University, Fresno, California. Following which he spent 10 years serving children with special needs, developing and implementing physical therapy programs.

In 1985, CAPT Hurley completed the US Army Academy Officer Training, following which he accepted a four-year assignment with the Exceptional Family Member Service (EFMS) program in Stuttgart, Germany. He was responsible for liaison activities to the Chief of the EFMS as well as program development and obtaining adequate treatment areas for various Department of Defense Schools (DODDS). CAPT Hurley continued his US ARMY service at the Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas as the Interim Chief of Rehabilitation and the advisor to the clinical staff and Academy of Health Sciences on pediatric neurodevelopmental patients. He was responsible for developing the successful comprehensive pediatric course for the Academy of Health Sciences. During this time, CAPT Hurley also achieved his Master of Education from Boston University, as well as his Neuro-Developmental Treatment Certification.

In 1991 the US Public Health Service was fortunate to acquire the highly skilled and dedicated officer in CAPT Hurley. His initial service began at the Northern Navajo Medical Center as the Assistant Director of Physical Therapy. He served as the Indian Health Service Recruiter, Mentor and Supervisor for Commissioned Officers, and the Pediatric Program Instructor and Coordinator. CAPT Hurley's skills not only were of benefit to his Service Unit, but he was a leader and consultant for six Navajo Area Service Units.

CAPT Hurley accepted the Director of Physical Therapy position at Gallup Indian Medical Center in August of 1997. He was responsible for program development, computer upgrades and training, performance improvement as well as a instructing and coordinating a dynamic clinical education program. During this time, CAPT Hurly served as the Army Baylor Physical Therapy Course coordinator and instructor of pediatric education.

CAPT Hurley's leadership skills and respect among his peer were demonstrated when he was elected as the USPHS Therapist Category, Professional Advisory Committee Chairperson. He has served the Therapist Category with distinction, participating as the Chairperson for Strategic Growth Committee developing avenues of growth and expansion for rehab services. CAPT Hurley has also served as the Navajo Area

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Commissioned Corp Liaison, and Medical Staff Recruiter, and Navajo Area Consultant. His leadership within the Indian Health Service was not only in the Navajo Area, but was demonstrated to include all Areas within the Indian Health Service.

CAPT Hurley has been the recipient of many distinguished awards to include:

- Nomination for Outstanding Service Medal
- Two USPHS Achievement Medals
- Special Assignment Award (PHS)
- USPHS Regular Corps Ribbon
- USPHS Commendation
- USPHS Citation
- Two Army Meritorious Service Medals
- National Defense Service Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Service ribbon, March 1985
- Army Certificate of Achievement
- Individual Ground Safety Award, October 1991.
- Two Memoranda of Appreciation

CAPT Hurley will be retiring from his position as the Director of Physical at the Northern Navajo Medical Center in February 2005. The Therapy Category would like to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to CAPT John Hurley for his contributions and exemplary leadership.