

Biographical Sketch

RADM Robert E. Pittman
Assistant Surgeon General
Chief Pharmacy Officer

RADM Robert Pittman received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Arizona in 1984 and a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Management, from Johns Hopkins University in 1999.

RADM Pittman began his career with the U.S. Public Health Service in 1984. He was assigned to the Indian Health Service for the first seven years of his career, first as a staff pharmacist at the Whiteriver Indian Hospital in Whiteriver, Arizona, from 1984 to 1987, then as Deputy Chief Pharmacy Services at the Sells Indian Hospital in Sells, Arizona, from 1987 to 1991. In November 1991, RADM Pittman transferred to the Health Resources and Services Administration in Rockville, Maryland, to serve as a Health Care Personnel Recruitment Specialist in the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). From 1994 to 1997, he was a Senior Health Care Personnel Recruitment Specialist in the NHSC Recruitment Branch and in 1997 served as the Acting Deputy Branch Chief for the Recruitment Branch. In November 1997, RADM Pittman transferred to the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Health Professions to become the Deputy Branch Chief of the Peer Review Branch.

In November 2000, RADM Pittman was appointed as the Principal Pharmacy Consultant for the Indian Health Service (IHS) in Rockville, Maryland. As the chief pharmacist for the IHS, RADM Pittman is responsible for providing performance improvement, risk management, cost containment, and professional pharmacy coordination, analysis, consultation, and collaboration with and for Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban components nationwide. He provides leadership for over 600 Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Program pharmacists at 237 practice sites.

In February 2006, RADM Pittman was appointed Chief Pharmacist Officer for the U.S. Public Health Service.