

Pharm-PAC Agency Liaison Report  
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- As RADM Pittman announced during the June meeting and on the IHS Pharmacists listserv, he will be leaving the position of IHS Principal Pharmacy Consultant effective 8/1/2007 to become the Director of the Division of Health Professionals Support in the IHS Office of Public Health Support. The National Pharmacy Council has been asked to provide input in the interview and selection process for the position beginning with consultation on the position description.
- The Claremore Indian Hospital Pharmacy Congestive Heart Failure Clinic was awarded the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Award of Excellence, which is the highest award given by ASHP to a pharmacist or group of pharmacists. This is the same program that was mentioned last month as receiving the Annie Dodge Wauneka Award at the COF Symposium in Cincinnati. The honored pharmacists are:
  - LCDR Timothy Murray
  - LCDR Michael Lee
  - LCDR Ryan Schupbach
  - LT Jodi Sparkman
  - CAPT Travis Watts
- 32 JRCOSTEPs and 7 SRCOSTEPs are assigned to IHS sites this year.
- The 2007 IHS Pharmacy Practice Training Program (PPTP) will be held on the following dates at the Chaparral Suites Hotel in Scottsdale, AZ.
  - July 16 – 19
  - August 20 – 23Registration info:  
<http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/ClinicalSupportCenter/cscheme.asp>
- Page 2 contains the results of the new pharmacist survey completed by the IHS National Pharmacy Council earlier this year.

New Pharmacist Survey

In May 2007 a survey was sent by email to all IHS pharmacists on the IHS-ListServ. A total of 86 pharmacists responded, 83 from requested graduating years of 2002-2007.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b># of responses</b>
2002	10
2003	14
2004	20
2005	17
2006	21
2007	1

A total of 68 pharmacists (81.9%) had contact with the Indian Health Service prior to employment as a pharmacist. Seven pharmacists (8%) were 437 scholars. Thirteen pharmacists (16%) completed CO-Step assignments. Three were from agencies other than IHS. Sixty pharmacists (72.3%) completed a student/externship rotation with IHS. Six pharmacists (7%) stated their first encounter was with the IHS residency application. The numbers add up to more than 83 since some pharmacists participated in more than one activity.

Pharmacists listed their pharmacy school. The pharmacy schools are listed below by the number of responding graduates from each school.

<b>Five pharmacists</b>	<b>Two pharmacists</b>	<b>One pharmacist</b>
Idaho State	Campbell	Butler
University of New Mexico	Howard	Midwestern-Chicago
	Nova SE	NDSU
<b>Four pharmacists</b>	Ohio Northern	Northeastern
University of Oklahoma	Oregon State	Purdue
	Philadelphia	SDSU
<b>Three pharmacists</b>	Rutgers	South
Creighton	Texas Tech	St Johns
Mass College of Pharmacy	U of Florida	Temple
Midwestern-Glendale	U of Minnesota	U of Colorado
St Louis	U of North Carolina	U of Maryland
SW Oklahoma State	U of Pittsburgh	U of Missouri, Kansas City
U of Arizona		U of Tennessee
U of Kansas		U of Texas @ Austin
U of Montana		U of Utah
U of Nebraska		U of Wyoming
		Virginia University
		West Virginia University