

# 2024 Nurse of the Quarter 1: Exemplary Leadership

The [Division of Nursing Services](#) is pleased to announce the recipient of the first quarter 2024 [Nurse of the Quarter](#) for **Exemplary Leadership** is Shavonna White, DNP, RN, CIC from the [Chinle Service Unit](#) in the IHS [Navajo Area](#).

It is an honor to nominate Shavonna White from Chinle Comprehensive Hospital in the Indian Health Services (IHS) Chinle area, for the first 2024 Division of Nursing Services Nurse of the Quarter. I have had the honor of witnessing Shavonna grow in her role as the Assistant Chief Nursing Executive over the past 3 years and have seen her flourish in her role of interim Chief Nursing Executive for Chinle Hospital over the last several months.

Dr. White has brought a level of self-awareness to the hospital setting that has been inestimable. She understands the importance of teamwork and is always ready to assist in any and all situations. On any given day, Dr. White is efficiently multitasking in different areas of the hospital such as Outpatient Management, Obstetric Inpatient, Respiratory Care, and Pediatric Care, as well as seeing to any nursing administrative needs.

Dr. White's compassion for all her employees makes her an exceptional leader. She is supportive of advancing staff roles and encouraging individuals to reach higher levels of professional self-fulfillment. She is always willing to help find solutions in guiding individuals towards their desired work goals. Dr. White's excellent leadership can be witnessed throughout the hospital, specifically in the way she created a culture of respect, cohesiveness, and collaboration among each department. Despite her demanding role, she is always willing to listen to every department's needs, wants, and concerns and find suitable outcomes that are beneficial to all included.

Ultimately and most importantly, her years of experience in various healthcare settings, coupled with her leadership roles and unwavering commitment to her community, make her a standout candidate. Dr. White has made significant contributions to Chinle Comprehensive Hospital, IHS immunization rates, and in particular, addressing the health disparities faced by Indigenous populations.

