



# **Douglas Gene Peter, M.D.**

## **Acting Director**

### **Navajo Area**

## **Indian Health Service**

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Douglas Gene Peter, M.D., is Acting Area Director of the Navajo Area of the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Dr. Peter previously served the agency in this same role from December 1990 to April 1992.

As the Acting Navajo Area Director, Dr. Peter is responsible for ensuring the provision of comprehensive health care services to Tribes in the Four Corners area, comprising portions of the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. The Navajo Area Indian health system provides health care services through federally-operated facilities as well as through tribally managed programs assumed under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Dr. Peter began his career with the IHS in 1974, serving with the IHS Navajo Area Kayenta Service Unit as a General Medical Officer with the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. During many other assignments throughout his career, he continued to serve as a Family Physician at the Kayenta Health Center.

Since 1984, Dr. Peter served as Chief Medical Officer of the Navajo Area. Most recently, he has also served in a dual role as the Area Deputy Director. Dr. Peter retired from the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps with the rank of Rear Admiral.

Dr. Peter earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and his medical degree from the University of Nebraska, College of Medicine, in Omaha. He has a medical license from the state of Arizona.