

2007 Clinical Excellence Award

Senior Dentist

Bruce A. Anderson, DDS, MAGD

Dr. Anderson began his IHS career in 1988 as a staff dental officer with the Sault Tribal Health Program in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Dr. Anderson became the Chief Dental Officer in 1992. The dental program has since grown from one to three clinics with 16 operatories and 22 full time staff members. Dr. Anderson designed the dental clinics, selected all the equipment and obtained funding for an Electronic Dental Record that interfaces with RPMS and connects all 3 sites.

Dr. Anderson's achievements include:

- Adjunct Professor - University of Iowa School of Dentistry
- Academy of General Dentistry, Fellowship 1998, Mastership 2004
- USPHS Achievement Medal - 1990
- Area Director's Award for Exceptional Performance IHS, Bemidji Area – 1995
- Area Director's Award for Employee Service Award, Sault Tribal Health Program – 1997
- IHS Area Director's Award for Managerial Excellence
- Himalayan Health Care – Volunteer Dentist

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Mid Career Dentist

John Ottesen, DDS

Dr. Ottesen began his IHS career in 1999 serving the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Whiteriver, Az. Dr. Ottesen compassionately provided care for patients with a wide range of medical and dental problems. Dr. Ottesen transferred to Oneida, NY in 2004. During his time serving the Oneida Nation Dr. Ottesen has developed, introduced and organized numerous programs to benefit patients, the community, and staff.

Some of Dr. Ottesen's accomplishments include:

- Worked with hygienist and Early Learning Center (ELC)
- Manager to establish fluoride varnish program
- Instituted Denture Days to encourage denture patients to visit the dental clinic
- Developed Sonicare toothbrush incentive program for diabetic patients
- Introduced bell-scope technology to improve cancer screening
- Organized a retreat and staff development day
- Worked with hygienist and nurse manager to train LPNs in fluoride varnish application
- Has applied to State University of New York at Buffalo as an Associate Professor
- Has applied to be a preceptor for dental students

- Active participant in Diabetes Wellness Weekend, Kid's Day and Adult Health Fair and in Dental Health Month

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Junior Dental Officer

Lt. Danielle Barstad, DDS

Dr. Barstad joined the dental program at the Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC), as a staff dental officer, in August 2004. Dr. Barstad served for two years as an Assistant Dental Recruiter for the Phoenix area, an IHS externship preceptor, a GPRA coordinator and a xylitol gum prevention program coordinator. Dr. Barstad is also a faculty member of the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health and Northern Arizona University School of Hygiene.

Dr. Barstad's achievements include:

- Researched and provided data to National Health Service Corps increasing the Health Professional Shortage Area score from 11 to 19 making the HHCC eligible to receive two scholars. Then wrote a guide for the ADO to distribute to dental Chiefs
- Wrote and was awarded a \$50,000 Perio/Diabetes Program Grant, used funds to recruit a hygienist for five months
- Created and coordinated Xylitol Gum Prevention Program. Obtained 100% permission for daily gum chewing by 52 students for two years under teacher supervision
- Monitors, instructs and evaluates student externs increasing clinic production by 360 patients in 60 days
- Recruited ten students and four faculty members for an externship at HHCC
- Co-supervisor at HHCC for two "Native Student Workers" program in the Workforce Investment Act Program of the Hopi Tribe
- Participant in the "Indigenous Pride Program" to recruit Native American youth into health services
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Dr. Barstad's awards include:

- PHS Citation Ribbon 2005
- PHS Isolated Hardship Ribbon 2005
- Commissioned Corps Training Ribbon 2005
- Exemplary Performance Award as Hazardous Material Coordinator 2005
- Appreciation Certificate from the government of La Paz Mexico for providing volunteer dental services
- Hopi Health Care Center Outstanding Achievement Award Honorable Mention 2006
- Dr. Robert Savage Memorial Award 2004 "honoring a student demonstrating outstanding compassion and concern for patients"

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Dental Specialist

CDR. Steven K. Rayes, DDS, MS

Dr. Rayes is currently a pediatric dentist at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage, AK. Dr. Rayes is the developer and Director of the Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program. The program will graduate its first two residents this year. Dr. Rayes was instrumental in researching, purchasing and installing equipment for video teleconferencing, digital radiography and wireless keyboards. Dr. Rayes recently completed the oral portion of the board exam necessary to become a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Rayes' accomplishments include:

- Provides seminars and clinical instruction for Challenges courses, Advanced Topics in Pediatric Dentistry, Annual Dental Chiefs Meeting and Oral Sedation courses each year
- Presentations given at the Dental Chief's Meeting, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry annual meeting, guest lecturer at the University of Michigan
- Deployed to Hurricane Katrina as a member of CCRF
- Received Kenneth A. Easlick Award for academic and clinical excellence from the University of Michigan
- Residency program at ANMC has increased billable services by 42% from 2005-2007.
- Research on the effectiveness of Vitapex pulpectomies
- Diplomate American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

**2007 Clinical Excellence Award
Dental Hygiene Junior Officer
LTJG Joseph Shurina III, RDH, MHA**

LTJG Shurina began his IHS career at Fort Belknap Service Unit in May 2006. LTJG Shurina has developed prevention programs which meet the needs of the community he serves, improving education, enhancing health and increasing access to clinical care, targeting the holistic health of the Fort Belknap Native community and the goals of the IHS. LTJG Shurina has been recognized by his peers, supervisor, community and the IHS for his hard work, effort and devotion to improving and expanding the oral health programs for the Fort Belknap Service Unit.

LTJG Joseph Shurina accomplishments include:

- Bureau of Medicine and Surgery "Most Productive Dental Hygienist in the US Navy Corps 2002.
- 2006 challenged Montana Dental Board to have schools attended by service eligible children to qualify for services provided by hygienist with a Limit Access Permit
- Uses lab skills to fabricate acrylic partials, athletic mouth guards, night guards and fluoride trays
- Chairs the Head Start Health Service Advisory Committee
- Instituted Diabetic Provider Program

- Developed and implemented an oral prevention education program for dental assistants
- Worked with Tribal sanitation department to enhance community water fluoridation program

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Senior Hygiene

LCDR Julie W. Black, RDH

LCDR Black began her IHS career in 1994 at the Claremore Indian Hospital (CIH), where she now serves in the Hygienist / Prevention Officer billet. LCDR Black serves on the hospital Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and Patient Education Committees. LCDR Black has improved services by establishing a perio maintenance program for patients with diabetes. She provides one on one nutrition, smoking cessation and oral health education to prenatal and postpartum women. LCDR Black is an Adjunct Professor with The University of Oklahoma Health and Science Center, supervising hygiene students during extramural rotations at CIH. In 2000, LCDR Black was part of a grant writing team that received HP/DP grants for \$30,000 and \$13,600 used to increase community awareness through activities, caries risk testing on prenatal mothers and presentations to Head Start programs throughout Oklahoma.

LCDR Julie W. Black's accomplishments include:

- Presented Dental Concerns and Education on Prevention in at National Dental Updates
- Presentation to health care professionals attending onsite workshop "Planning a Team Approach to Type II Diabetes in Native Americans"
- LCDR Black has been a clinical instructor and presenter for the IHS Periodontics and Advanced Periodontics courses since 1995.

2007 Clinical Excellence Award Dental Assistant Over Three Years Of Service

Crystal Arroyo, RDAEF

Crystal began her dental career fourteen years ago at the Lake County Tribal Health Center (LCTHC). Crystal began as the dental receptionist, returned to school to become a dental assistant, an RDA and now an RDAEF. Crystal is currently attending night classes so that she can attend hygiene school. Crystal is the lead dental assistant and is responsible for supervising clinic and hospital staff. Crystal is also in charge of training new assistants and completing assistant reviews.

Crystal Arroyo's accomplishments include:

- Developed a training program for new dental assistants hired from the community and trained in the clinic
- Works closely with the six Native American tribes in Lake County
- Supervises outreach programs for Native Americans,
- Head Start and Early Head Start

- Vice Chair and Member-at-Large of Tribal Government
- Oral health educator for medical, outreach and diabetes departments
- Instrumental in getting soft drinks out of local school system
- Has completed numerous CE courses, including; OSHA training, Ortho. Assisting, Medications Used in Dentistry, Dental Materials and Advanced Hospital Assisting