



## **Rear Adm. Michael Toedt, M.D.**

### **Chief Medical Officer**

### **Indian Health Service**

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Rear Adm. Michael Toedt, M.D., serves as the chief medical officer of the Indian Health Service. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives. As the CMO, Rear Adm. Toedt is IHS' lead expert on medical and public health topics, giving technical advice and guidance to the IHS Office of the Director and IHS staff throughout the country on American Indian and Alaska Native health care policies and issues. He provides national leadership for the clinical and community-based health programs of the agency, and serves as the primary liaison and advocate for IHS health professionals.

Rear Adm. Toedt graduated with honor from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in applied physics and a minor in applied optics. He began his IHS career with a commission as an ensign at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1995. He completed a residency in family medicine and fellowship in obstetrics at the Franklin Square Hospital Center in Baltimore, Maryland, from 1995-1999. He served as a family physician at the Cherokee Indian Hospital from 1999-2002, where he treated patients of all ages in outpatient, inpatient, and emergency department settings. He was recruited as a ready responder in the National Health Service Corps, serving in rural West Virginia from 2002-2005. He served as team leader for Rapid Deployment Force 3 and deployed for numerous Commissioned Corps responses, including Hurricanes Sandy, Irene, Gustav, Ernesto, Katrina, and Ivan; California wildfires and IHS deployments to Kodiak, Alaska, and Rosebud, South Dakota.

Rear Adm. Toedt returned to Cherokee Indian Hospital, serving as the chief of staff from 2005-2007, and clinical director from 2007-2014, where he chaired the quality committee of the governing board. His efforts led to integration of behavioral health, pharmacy, and nutrition services into primary care, patient-centered medical home recognition at the highest level, and improved immunization rates, health screenings, and health outcomes for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He served as the chief medical informatics officer at IHS headquarters from 2014-2015, as chief medical officer for the Nashville Area from 2015-2017, and as the chair of the National Council of Chief Medical Officers.

He has served on numerous IHS and interagency committees, published several articles, and held several medical school academic appointments. He is board certified in family medicine, is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and maintains active clinical privileges. He is currently the operations chief for the IHS COVID-19 response. In nearly 30 years in the Commissioned Corps he has received several Public Health Service honors and awards, including an exceptional proficiency promotion.