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### IHS Announces New CEO of Gallup Indian Medical Center

The Indian Health Service is announcing the appointment of Cmdr. Pamela Detsoi-Smiley as the chief executive officer of the Gallup Indian Medical Center in New Mexico. The center is located on the border of the Navajo Reservation and is one of the largest IHS facilities, serving a user population of over 42,000.

Detsoi-Smiley, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and a U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officer, has served as the acting CEO at GIMC since November 2021. She has 25 years of experience working in health care within IHS, including leadership roles in both nursing and administration.

“I appreciate Commander Detsoi-Smiley’s continued commitment and dedication to the IHS mission. Her wealth of knowledge and experience will positively impact the patients served at the Gallup Indian Medical Center,” said IHS Director Roselyn Tso.

“The Gallup Indian Medical Center has one of the busiest workloads across all IHS facilities, and it is critical to have a strong leader driving our efforts. We are excited to continue working with Commander Detsoi-Smiley on improving the services provided to Navajo Area patients,” said Acting IHS Navajo Area Director Capt. Brian K. Johnson.

“I was born and raised in the Gallup area, so I appreciate the opportunity to continue making a positive impact in our communities. I look forward to continuing our efforts to provide quality, comprehensive health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives in and around Gallup,” said Cmdr. Pamela Detsoi-Smiley, Gallup Indian Medical Center CEO.

Before serving as acting CEO at GIMC, Cmdr. Detsoi-Smiley served as the chief nurse executive and the acting CEO at the Crownpoint Service Unit, which serves a population of approximately 20,000 Navajo people.

The [Gallup Indian Medical Center](#) is a 99-bed hospital in Gallup, New Mexico, with the largest staff of all IHS Navajo Area facilities. Clinical specialties at GIMC include internal medicine, cardiology, anesthesia, OB/GYN, general surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, ENT, radiology, pathology, pediatrics, psychiatry, emergency medicine, and urology.

The [IHS Navajo Area](#) provides health care services to a user population of over 244,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives on and near the Navajo Nation, one of the largest Indian reservations in the United States. The Navajo Nation consists of more than 25,000 contiguous square miles and three satellite communities, and extends into portions of the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.

The IHS, an agency in the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#), provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.7 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to [574 federally recognized tribes](#) in 37 states. Follow the agency via social media on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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