

## ***US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AWARD FOR MANAGERIAL EXCELLENCE***

**The George F. Archambault Foundation**, through the generous support of the Bayer Corporation, sponsors, **the US Public Health Service Award for Managerial Excellence Improving Pharmacy Service or Public Health** to recognize a USPHS pharmacist, with no more than 15 years of service of active duty, who has improved pharmacy service or the public's health through managerial excellence. This year's award was presented by RADM (retired) Dr. Richard J. Bertin to LCDR Will Darwin .

LCDR Darwin in the Director of Patient Support Services/HIS in San Fidel, NM. He was nominated for overseeing the implementation, development, coordination and sustaining a medication management program to improve quality medication delivery services and care to the medial and Indian communities.

LCDR Darwin has delivered a safe medication management system addressing the hospital's medication management processes which include Selection and Procurement, Storage, Ordering, Preparing and Dispensing, Administration, and Monitoring. LCDR Darwin's insight, problem solving strategies and analytical planning made the project into a smooth successful transition into a new evolved program.

LCDR Darwin facilitated, mentored and supported the many changes related to technological advancement to improve pharmacy workload efficiencies and accountability for the overall benefit of improving patient care and safety. Some of the safety improvements include: Pharmacy Outpatient Robotic Automation, Pharmacy/Nursing Unit Automation, RPMS Pharmacy Point of Sale and Outpatient/Inpatient Pharmacy Software upgrade.

LCDR Darwin has trained and mentored the pharmacy staff to the new current knowledge. Several of the IHS pharmacy programs have visited and consulted for their knowledge and expertise of furthering their technological improvement. Due to his work, LCDR Darwin helped the pharmacy to become one of few who were in compliance with the new standards which became effective on many levels and scope from the perspectives of the national regulatory agencies.



### **Managerial Excellence Award**

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