

**NOMINATION FOR  
Nominee  
Qualifications  
E-mail, address, phone number  
Nominated For Petry Leone Award**

**Nominator:  
E-mail and phone number**

**Supervisor:  
E-mail and phone number**

**ACCOMPLISHMENT:**

It is my privilege to nominate XXXX for the Petry Leone Award in recognition of his leadership in highlighting Safe Patient Handling and Movement (SPHM) within the Indian Health Service (IHS). In September 2008 his article "Safe Patient Handling and Movement" was published as the lead article in the *Indian Health Service Primary Care Provider*, a peer-reviewed journal that is distributed to 6000+ providers in the IHS. The article served not only to introduce the subject to the IHS, but also to stimulate discussion on the topic among the OPDIV leadership.

**BACKGROUND:**

With experience as both a clinical nurse and a safety professional, XXXX is uniquely positioned to advocate for the safety of nurses. He has been a Surgical Intensive Care Nurse, an ICU float nurse in a 40-bed unit that included a burn unit, an ICU nurse in a rural IHS hospital, an ER nurse for 11 years, an ER head nurse, a medical floor staff nurse, an occupational health nurse in industry, a public health nurse, a school nurse, a clinic nurse, a house supervisor at 3 hospitals, the head nurse for 5 years at the busiest unit in the IHS, and served as Risk Manager. He is now a highly regarded Safety Officer for the XXX Service Unit, which is the Navajo Area's largest Service Unit providing health care to 51,731 tribal members living within a 5,246 square mile area. XXXX's far ranging responsibilities include the Northern Navajo Medical Center, the Four Corners Regional Health Center, the Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Health Center, and the Sanostee Dental Clinic. XXXX commitment to people is further evidenced by his current pursuit of a Master of Science in Safety at his personal expense in order to continually seek new and innovative ideas to improve occupational safety and patient care.

**INTERVENTION:**

XXXX has presented on SPHM at two medical centers to approximately 60 nurses, where his enthusiasm for SPHM and passion for protecting the safety of nurses has been well received. He has also presented on SPHM at the annual Navajo Area safety officers meeting, and is scheduled to present on SPHM at the IHS Advanced Safety Officers

Course. At the request of the Chief Nurse of the Indian Health Service, XXXX will also be presenting on SPHM at the annual Nursing Leadership in Native Care conference to be held this summer. XXXX doggedly continues his outreach by working with the IHS Headquarters Institutional Environmental Health Program Director on analysis of Worker's Compensation cost and injury data affecting Nursing staff as a means of bolstering an IHS-wide SPH Integrated Management approach.

**OUTCOME/IMPACT:**

Within the IHS the article has been widely read and there is increasing engagement from Nursing, Environmental Health, and Facility Engineering including increased discussions about integrating SPHM design considerations in new hospital construction. Professionals of different disciplines within the IHS are increasingly looking at how SPHM may be integrated within their organizations, eliciting a new dialogue and recognition of the problem of back injuries among Nurses.

XXXX has proven himself to be a tireless advocate for care providers, patients, and allied health professionals, alike. His eclectic experience and dedication to people has had a positive impact on a sustainable IHS health care system. XXXX's efforts have initiated an interdisciplinary approach to this significant issue affecting nursing personnel and their ability to provide high quality patient care. XXXX planted a seed with his article and continues to foster its growth and development through presentations, research and on-going collaborations.

I can attest to his exemplary leadership and significant contributions in the field of hospital safety, and especially the prevention of back injuries among nurses.

It is with sincere admiration that I hereby nominate XXXX for the Petry Leone Award.