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**U.S.PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ALLEN J. BRANDS
CLINICAL PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR AWARD 2004**

Recognizes the achievements of pharmacists in the PHS that provide traditional pharmaceutical services, with primary emphasis on activities accomplished within the past 18 months.

LCDR JAMES E. BRITTON

For sustained exemplary performance in the development, implementation, and continuing management of a clinical pharmacy program that significantly improved quality of pharmaceutical care delivered, the Allen J. Brands Clinical Pharmacist of the Year was awarded to LCDR James Britton.

In addition to LCDR Britton's traditional clinical pharmacist responsibilities, compounded by practicing in a correctional setting, he was assigned as the inpatient clinical pharmacist with oncology services, infectious disease state providers, pharmacokinetic consultation, parenteral nutrition service consults, and participates in an anticoagulation clinic. Upon assignment as the clinical pharmacist, LCDR Britton established regular, scheduled Pharmacy/Medicine rounds for the inpatient areas and making pharmacokinetic recommendations and dosage adjustment of amino glycosides. Antibigram data analysis was initiated on a regular basis, and he served as the Pharmacy representative on the multi-disciplinary committee for the treatment of Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus (MRSA). TO increase clinical efficiency, safety and positive patient outcomes, LCDR Britton designed and participates in a multi disciplinary team for management of Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), oncology clinics, and developed and manages the pharmacist disease state management clinic for anticoagulation patients.

LCDR also serves on the Pharmacy and Therapeutics subcommittee tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on the prescribing patterns of Schedule II narcotics, the importance magnified due to the correctional nature of his duty station.

The impact of LCDR Britton's initiatives is seen in an unprecedented staff cohesiveness and communication. Judicious use of antibiotics and appropriate pharmacokinetic monitoring demonstrates improved susceptibility and sensitivity of microorganisms isolated, evidenced when specific pathogens were reviewed. His participation in the MRSA workgroup resulted in treatment recommendation, and in the TPN team has resulted in clinical pharmacy protocols for the initial content and management of therapy. His program of Schedule II reviews has resulted in a reduction in frivolous use of narcotics, and increased the quality of pain management.

LCDR Britton is also one of six Bureau of Prison staff selected for the intensive antiretroviral training at Johns Hopkins University, directed toward improvement of antiretroviral drug utilization. This officer serves as the Administrative Officer for Region VII of the National

Pharmacist Response Team (NPRT), he has completed the CCRF/DMAT/OFRD training, and is qualified as Response Ready.

LCDR James Britton exemplifies exceptional skill in planning, implementation and ongoing management of a clinical pharmacy program that results in significant improvements in the quality of health care delivered at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri.