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***U.S. Public Health Service Mary Louise Anderson
Pharmacist of the Year Leadership Award***

Recognizes the leadership achievements of a pharmacist in the PHS in leadership and/or non-traditional or administrative roles, with primary emphasis on activities accomplished within the past 18 months

CAPT Michael Montello

For providing creative and insightful leadership actions and accommodations to improve our nation's readiness for medical crisis in disasters and clinical settings, the 2004, newly renamed, Mary Louise Anderson Pharmacist of the Year Leadership Award was presented to CAPT Mike Montello.

CAPT Montello was selected as Chief PHarmacist of the PHS-1 DMAT in 1998. Throughout his tenure, he has established himself as a resourceful and proactive leader for pharmacist as well as the entire PHS-1 DMAT team. CAPT Montello currently co-ordinates activities and planning for a 15 to 20 member pharmacy team with representation from NIH, FDA, CDC and HRSA, spanning a geographic area from New Jersey to Georgia. He has instituted programs enhancing the preparedness and efficiency of this team, including the creation of a Pharmacy and Therapeutic (P&T) committee, establishment of team "go-bags," application for a team DEA registration, development of pharmacy team policies and procedures, and provision of numerous publications and presentations regarding pharmacist response to natural and manmade disasters.

The PHS-1 DMAT is one of the first teams in the NDMS to establish a P&T committee and to register with the DEA for a license to secure, prescribe and dispense narcotics, becoming a model for other teams to emulate.

CAPT Montello has established an orientation program for new team pharmacists intending to introduce new members to the Federal Response Plan, the PHS-1 DMAT and the roles and responsibilities of a pharmacist during a crisis response. He provides a biannual workshop to the pharmacy team to practice "what-if" scenarios, and develop leadership capabilities throughout the entire team. Due to his numerous publications and presentation with the Strategic national Stockpile (SNS), Federal, State and local emergency health care providers, he is recognized as a leader in pharmacist preparedness and response. He has participated in several nation committees regarding crisis management including the DOD Biologic Warfare Defense Panel, Federal Pharmacy Crisis Response Committee, and the PHS Office of Emergency Response Formulary Review Committee. His efforts to translate and communicate his significant experience to the pharmacy community have improved our nation's readiness to respond to a medical crisis.

CAPT Montello also continues to provide leadership and direction at his permanent duty station while accomplishing all of the above activities. He is the Head of the Protocol and Information Office (PIO) , and Information-Technology coordinator for the NCI's Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program (CTEP). He is currently in the process of transforming the PIO from a passive to an active player in the clinical trail process, to further streamline the protocol development process, thereby reducing the administrative burden on investigators and speeding the delivery of promising new treatments for cancer patients. CAPT Montello was recently recognized for his outstanding accomplishments and presented the NIH Merit Award.

CAPT Montello's leadership and intensity are a model for others and his *esprit de corps* is exemplary. The PharmPAC is honored to have CAPT Michael Montello as the initial recipient of the newly named Mary Louise Anderson Pharmacist of the Year Leadership Award.