



## Question & Answer session with Dr. Kathleen Annette 2010 AAIP Physician of the Year

Dr. Kathleen Annette is a member of the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians and grew up on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. She received both her college and medical degrees from the University of Minnesota, pioneering the way for Indian women by becoming the first female Ojibwa Indian physician in Minnesota. She obtained her residency training at the Duluth Family Practice Center, receiving board certification in 1986. She has been an AAIP member since 1993.

In 1986, she began her public service career path with the federal government as a medical officer at the PHS Indian Hospital at Cass Lake, MN on the Leech Lake Reservation providing direct patient services. She is a very talented, caring physician who naturally advanced assuming increasing responsibility, including becoming Clinical Director of the Leech Lake Service Unit and Chief Medical Officer for the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service (IHS).

At the national level, Dr. Annette was appointed as the acting IHS Deputy Director for Field Operations in February 2009 and continues to serve in this national capacity. In this leadership position, she oversees all 12 IHS Area offices. She is also actively engaged in national health reform and its impact on the Indian Health Care system, and she provides operational and management information and expertise for the formulation of policies, goals, and strategies in program and resource allocations that effect IHS.

Dr. Annette has been selected as 2010 AAIP Physician of the Year for her outstanding leadership, dedication, contributions, and service to American Indian and Alaska Native people.



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