



2020 CHAMPS Awardees

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Outstanding Emergency Response Leadership Award
Debby Myers, RDH, Infection Prevention/Control Manager,
Salud Family Health Centers, CO

Debby Myers began at Salud Family Health Centers in 2000 as a dental hygienist and, over time, she took on infection control duties. As Salud got bigger and the infection control work increased, Debby was made full-time Director of Infection Control. As Mark Twain said, "It's good to have a purpose in life, and it's even better to know what it is." Debby's purpose is infection control. Before COVID-19, she was already a stellar employee, ensuring that the highest safety standards were met while collaborating with staff to ensure the protocols were workable and respected patient flow and clinic operations.

Once the COVID-19 crisis started, there could be no better example of the right person, in the right place, at the right time. From the very start of the pandemic, Debby has worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of patients and staff. She spearheaded efforts to find PPE and has been highly successful. As PPE was in short supply across the country, she went to unusual sources such as paint and veterinary supply stores to ensure that staff at Salud were always protected. She helped develop policies and procedures for the new environment. In the COVID world, infection control processes are complicated and rapidly changing. Debby stays on top of all the latest research and recommendations and conveys those to the incident command team. She continually works to ensure that communication to line staff is consistent and easy to follow. Safety protocols are often very complex, and Debby strives to ensure that staff understand why the protocol is important and how to implement it.

Salud is very fortunate to have someone as dedicated to excellence in her field as Debby Myers, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis.

For her dedication to infectious disease control and ensuring patient and staff safety, we are pleased to present Debby Meyers with the CHAMPS Outstanding Emergency Response Leadership Award.

