

NM POISON & DRUG INFORMATION CENTER
at The University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy



Celebrate Points of Pride
YEARS OF SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO

1977-79

July 1, 1977 . A Poison Center for New Mexico Is Born

UNM College of Pharmacy opened "The New Mexico Poison & Medical Crisis Center" and managed its first case at 3AM.

April 4, 1978 . Deadly Outbreak in Clovis

A major botulism outbreak prompted the NM Dept of Health to defer all poison-related incidents to the poison center. This eventually included WMD preparedness and public health response.

1979 . NPPW Recognized in New Mexico

Governor King signed New Mexico's first proclamation of National Poison Prevention Week.

1977-80 . National Posion Control Center Network

NM Poison Center was selected by FDA to be part of a national computer network linking centers in the US to each other and to FDA data.



1984 - 91 . EPA Network's Only Poison Center

EPA selected NMPDIC to be the only posion center within the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network.

1990 - 96 . Serving Our National Labs

Sandia Natl Labs names NMPDIC as first point of contact for hazardous material shipment adverse events.

1980-96

1997 . 22,000 per year

Calls to the poison center peak at 22,000 per year.

1998 . Fully Computerized Multi-Lingual System

Transition from manual case management to a fully computerized system with multi-lingual capabilities was completed.

2003 . 800-222-1222 - National Hotline Established

U.S. Poison centers centralized with a common national hotline and logo.

2004 . Service Guaranteed - No Matter What

Electronic routing system guarantees services even during local and regional disasters.

2004-06 . Posion Center Board & Endowment

A formal financial advisory board was formed and an endowment was funded to support the Posion Center.



1997-2006

2007 . Real Time Monitoring

Poisonings are now monitored in real time, allowing for timely adjustments to public education and medical protocols.



NPPW 2011. Every 8 Seconds Flash Mob Goes Viral

Dozens of COP students, faculty, staff and alumni flash mob across Albuquerque to raise poison prevention awareness. Video of the flash mob reaches 1.5 million people.



March 28, 2013 . They Made Us Permanent!

NMPDIC program was written into state law as an essential health service housed permanently at UNM through Senate Bill 140.

2015 . Effective Advocacy

NMPDIC played an integral role in legislation in New Mexico requiring child-resistant packaging and banning sales to minors for electronic cigarettes and nicotine liquids. New Mexico was the first in the US to pass this legislation.

2018 . NM Health Information Exchange

The center is an important part of the NMHIE with 2 webinar/promotional videos showing mutual benefits of the program to NMPDIC and statewide participating hospitals.

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