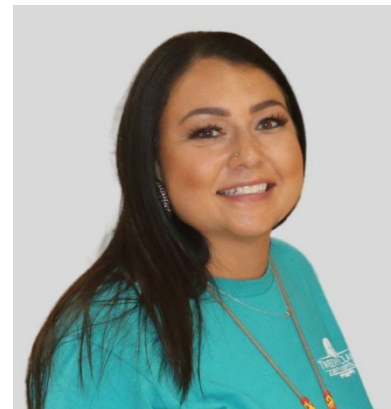


## Nurse of the Month – October 2023

The [IHS Division of Nursing Services](#) is pleased to announce the recipient of the [Nurse of the Month](#) for October 2023 is Melanie Tuamoheloa BSN, RN, a Primary Care Clinic Manager in the [Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System](#) in the IHS [Great Plains Area](#).

As a nursing leader, she demonstrates skillful leadership qualities using emotional intelligence, staff inclusion, and shared-governance to promote the profession of nursing. Melanie's ultimate focus is excellent patient care and community wellness through rigorous quality metrics and patient outcomes. She is an enrolled member of the Omaha Tribe from Macy Nebraska and enjoys caring for indigenous populations.



Melanie is instrumental in supporting staff recognition by implementing the recent Daisy Award Recognition program and is an effective communicator with great listening skills. She assisted in developing a Sexual Wellness Clinic and telemedicine clinic visits, and in finding blood pressure cuffs for hypertensive patients, and thermometers for parents of young children. Ms. Tuamoheloa embraces growing patient volumes with an emphasis on childhood immunizations, child wellness visits, and disease prevention visits.

Ms. Tuamoheloa has stabilized the staffing needs of the Primary Care Clinic and her leadership is a testament to the respect she gives to her staff and others. She supports professional development and new technology advancements in nursing. As a result, she continues to establish the highest standards of care founded on evidence-based practice methodologies within her department. Melanie is more than just accountable and responsible for her practice, she is committed to the patients, helping advocate in every way for the best possible care.