

**NAME: CDR DIEM-KIEU NGO**

**JOB TITLE: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICER/  
SUPERVISORY TEAM LEADER**

**AGENCY: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**



**EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:**

Commander (CDR) Diem-Kieu Ngo graduated with dual degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctorate in Pharmacy, from Rutgers University College of Pharmacy in Piscataway, New Jersey. After pharmacy school, she served in the United States Air Force as a pharmacist with the 89<sup>th</sup> Medical Group at the Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

**CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:**

CDR Ngo is a Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Team Leader with FDA's Division of Advisory Committee and Consultant Management (DACCM). DACCM's role in FDA is to assist in its mission to protect and promote the public health, using 49 committees and panels to obtain independent expert advice on scientific, technical, and policy matters. CDR Ngo serves as a principle advisor to the Division Director in the field of regulatory and scientific matters pertaining to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Advisory Committees. She supervises five DFOs, overseeing ten advisory committees and providing technical advice on guidelines and procedures for public dissemination. For example, CDR Ngo recently oversaw the coordination and execution of a high profile Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee meeting that led to the FDA's first approval of a drug (Truvada) for pre-exposure prophylaxis to reduce the risk of sexually acquired HIV-1 in adults at high risk.

**QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:**

In addition to her previous assignments, CDR Ngo has numerous certifications and skills allowing her to excel in her current position. She has completed several leadership trainings and seminars. In addition, she has advanced her practice skills by obtaining her Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) certification, APHA Pharmacy-

Based Immunization Delivery Training certificate, a Lipid Management certificate, and an Anticoagulation Management certificate.

**REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:**

After CDR Ngo's tour of duty with the Air Force was over, she wanted to continue serving the Nation. She learned about the United States Public Health Service and felt her ideals of serving in uniform for public health matters aligned with the PHS core values: leadership, service, integrity, and excellence.

**PREVIOUS AND CONCURRENT USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:**

Program Management Officer, Office of Executive Programs, FDA  
Senior Regulatory Management Officer, Office of Generic Drugs, FDA  
Regulatory Management Officer, Office of Generic Drugs, FDA

**MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

CDR Ngo enjoys mentoring junior officers. Perhaps her most rewarding experiences have been when junior officers who she has mentored are successful in their jobs and other professional endeavors. CDR Ngo also greatly appreciates the camaraderie amongst fellow officers and the friendships she has made throughout her years in the PHS.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:**

CDR Ngo is actively involved with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and has served as a CV and manuscript reviewer. She is a member of the Commissioned Officers Association and has served as the DC-COA member-at-large for the Pharmacy category and as a board member. She also served as the Chair of the Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) and is actively involved in the Pharmacy Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC).

**SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST**

CDR Ngo has shown great dedication to the mission of PHS, to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of the Nation, by serving as a volunteer for several emergency drills and focus groups for various organizations, such as, the American Red Cross and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

*By LCDR Shary M. Jones*