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Commander Steve L. Morin earned his bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Southern Maine. Since his graduation as a nurse he has served in many different capacities and he is currently the Director of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Patient Network in the FDA Office of Health and Constituent Affairs in Silver Spring, MD.

He is committed to working with patients, caregivers and patient advocacy organizations in helping them better understand FDA laws and regulations, the medical product approval process, expanded access and other FDA topics that are important to patients and caregivers. He also advocates in the agency for the patient voice to be incorporated into the way decisions are made and policies are created.

Prior to entering the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), he was a staff nurse at Maine Medical Center providing direct nursing care on an adult oncology/hematology and bone marrow transplant unit.

In 1999, he started a new opportunity and traveled to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Washington, D.C. as a travel nurse. It was on the adult oncology/hematology-HIV and bone marrow transplant unit that he truly understood what it meant to advocate for patients by ensuring they understood all the benefits and risk they could experience prior to enter clinical trials.

He entered the USPHS as a Lieutenant (O-3) in 2002 and his first assignment was at the National Cancer Institute as a research nurse for various phase 1, 2 and 3 clinical trials. Since then he had an assignment with the Department of Homeland Security before joining the FDA in 2009 as a patient labeling reviewer where he worked on Patient Package Inserts, Medication Guides and Instructions for Use.

In addition to his current assignment at the FDA, he is involved with the FDA RIHSC (Research Involving Human Subjects Committee) and reviews Informed Consent Documents for FDA funded research. He is a Team Leader on a CTTI (Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative) project looking at the impact mobile devices can have for patients in clinical trials.

CDR Morin has also been an integral part of a newly formed USPHS Advisory Group – SOAGDAG (Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity Advisory Group) making sure the rights and wellbeing of USPHS officers and the public who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender are not overlooked by the U.S. Surgeon General.

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