



Award to Dr. Wilson

ANCHORAGE--Dr. Martha R. Wilson, project director for the ATS-6 Satellite experiment in rural health care, has received the 1978 health achievement award from the Alaska Public Health Association.

The award goes annually to health care professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the health of Alaskans.

Wilson was cited for her promotion of the satellite medical consultation for remote hospitals and isolated villages. The program began in May 1974 and ran for one year. The satellite became available again in May 1976 and is now being used for medical education programs,

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on a weekly basis, in rural Alaska.

The ATS-6 satellite experiment in its initial stages demonstrated the transmission of medical and surgical information from villages to the nearest Indian Health Service hospital or from the Alaska Native Medical Center to the rural hospitals and villages.

The experiment also showed it is possible to develop computerized patient care information systems that support and coordinate the efforts of health care teams.

Wilson has served as chief of the office of program development for the Alaska Area Native Health Service since 1971 and has worked on the satellite project since 1973.