

# PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

## **DANIEL CALAC, M.D. (Pauma)**

Since 2003 Dr. Calac has served as CMO of Indian Health Council, Inc. (IHC), a consortium of nine tribes located in North County San Diego. IHC provides on-site and outreach services and programs to nearly 5,000 clients and provides over 20,000 visits per year. He received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and did both internship and residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at the Combined Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Residency Program at University of Southern California/Los Angeles County (USC-LAC). Calac also serves his community by contracting part-time with The Elizabeth Hospice, providing hospice care and emotional support to both the terminally ill and their family members. He serves on the Advisory Board of Directors for California State University San Marcos and as a Governance Board Member for a local All Tribes Charter School located on the Rincon Indian Reservation.

He served as a co-principal investigator for the Preventing Underage Drinking by Southwest Indians Program sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). Currently, he is a Principal Investigator with the California Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) whose goals are to increase the quantity and quality of research on the health of Native Americans in California and to increase the number of Native American students and faculty in California universities. He has served as the Principal Investigator for this project for the past 5 years and is committed to the fundamental mission of the project. He plays an active role in projects, in some as Dual-PI, and his commitment is further enhanced by providing shadowing/mentoring session for those students involved in the NARCH program and its individual projects.



Dr. Calac with son, Alec