July 1, 1977 . A Poison Center for New Mexico Is Born
UNM College of Pharmacy opened “The New Mexico Poison & Medical Crisis Center” and managed its first case at 3AM.

April 4, 1978 . Deadly Outbreak in Clovis
A major botulism outbreak prompted the NM Dept of Health to defer all poison-related incidents to the poison center. This eventually included WMD preparedness and public health response.

1979 . NPPW Recognized in New Mexico
Governor King signed New Mexico’s first proclamation of National Poison Prevention Week.

1977-80 . National Poison Control Center Network
NM Poison Center was selected by FDA to be part of a national computer network linking centers in the US to each other and to FDA data.

1980-96
1984 - 91 . EPA Network’s Only Poison Center
EPA selected NMPDIC to be the only poison center within the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network.

1990 - 96 . Serving Our National Labs
Sandia Natl Labs names NMPDIC as first point of contact for hazardous material shipment adverse events.

1997 . 22,000 per year
Calls to the poison center peak at 22,000 per year.

1998 . Fully Computerized Multi-Lingual System
Transition from manual case management to a fully computerized system with multi-lingual capabilities was completed.

2003 . 800-222-1222 - National Hotline Established
U.S. Poison centers centralized with a common national hotline and logo.

Electronic routing system guarantees services even during local and regional disasters.

2004-06 . Poison Center Board & Endowment
A formal financial advisory board was formed and an endowment was funded to support the Poison Center.

2007 . Real Time Monitoring
Poisonings are now monitored in real time, allowing for timely adjustments to public education and medical protocols.

2008-18
2007-2006
2011 . Every 8 Seconds Flash Mob Goes Viral
Dozens of COP students, faculty, staff and alumni flash mob across Albuquerque to raise poison prevention awareness. Video of the flash mob reaches 1.5 million people.

March 28, 2013 . They Made Us Permanent!
NMPDIC program was written into state law as an essential health service housed permanently at UNM through Senate Bill 140.

2015 . Effective Advocacy
NMPDIC played an integral role in legislation in New Mexico requiring child-resistant packaging and banning sales to minors for electronic cigarettes and nicotine liquids. New Mexico was the first in the US to pass this legislation.

2018 . NM Health Information Exchange
The center is an important part of the NMHIE with 2 webinar/promotional videos showing mutual benefits of the program to NMPDIC and statewide participating hospitals.