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Summary

I oversee quality of care outcomes across the U.S. and its territories.

Experience

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs 24 years 4 months

Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services | Chief Medical Officer for VA

January 2022 - Present (1 year 10 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Erica M. Scavella, M.D., FACP, FACHE, as Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, is the Chief Medical Officer of the Veterans Health Administration, serving over 9 million enrolled Veterans annually at over 1,700 sites of care in the nation's largest integrated healthcare system. She previously served as the Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Oversight, Risk and Ethics, executing the duties of the Chief Health Risk Officer. In this role, Dr. Scavella provided executive leadership for five aligned National Program Offices - the Office of Integrity and Compliance, the Office of Internal Audit, the National Center for Ethics in Health Care, the Office of Research Oversight, and the Office of the Medical Inspector. She was also responsible for VHA Enterprise Risk Management, healthcare-related oversight and accountability and VHA Centers of Excellence. Prior to serving as the Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Dr. Scavella served as The Medical Inspector, conducting over 150 clinical investigations and overseeing over 100 more. In this role, Dr. Scavella and her team implemented impactful clinical care improvements across the system.

Dr. Scavella is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, was elected Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP) in 2005 and Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) in 2012.

She is a member of the Leadership VA (LVA) Class of 2009, completed the VHA Healthcare Leadership Development Program in 2012 and the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executive Fellows Program in 2017.

Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Oversight, Risk and Ethics | Chief Health Risk Ofcr February 2021 - January 2022 (1 year)

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The Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health, provides national leadership in the formulation and establishment of effective health care policies, programs and initiatives to ensure health system integrity. I execute enterprise risk, compliance, oversight and ethics activities across the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). In this Senior Executive role, I am responsible for identifying and mitigating risks identified through a highly complex office composed of five interrelated and fully aligned functional areas within VHA: 1) Office of Compliance and Business Integrity (CBI); 2) Office of the Medical Inspector (OMI); 3) Office of Internal Audit (IA); 4) Office of Research Oversight (ORO); and 5) National Center for Ethics in Health Care (NCEHC). The Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health supports the Under Secretary for Health and Deputy Under Secretary for Health, and collaborates with other members of the VHA Executive Leadership Team to ensure that VHA's decisions and actions earn the trust of Veterans, stewards of the system (Congress, GAO, OSC, OIG, Veteran Service Organizations) and the public. The National Program Offices contained in the portfolio act in an integrated fashion to promote a just culture rooted in trust, accountability and ethical decision-making as VHA strives to steadily achieve the best care, service and value with safety and clinical excellence.

The Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health is the chief corporate risk, oversight and compliance officer, responsible for guiding and interpreting VHA strategies and policies to support executive decision making, builds systems and processes that allow the Under Secretary for Health to exercise essential compliance and organizational oversight responsibilities, including inspections, investigations, audits, assessments and enterprise risk management.

The Medical Inspector
October 2010 - February 2021 (10 years 5 months)

Attending Physician
July 1999 - October 2010 (11 years 4 months)
Maryland, United States

Education

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey - University of Medicine and Dentistry

Doctor of Medicine (MD), Medicine · (1996)