



## **Department of Veterans Affairs**

### **Senior Executive Biography**

#### **Carolyn Clancy, M.D., MACP**

##### **Acting Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs**

Dr. Carolyn Clancy has served as Acting Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs since January 20, 2021. Previously she served as the Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks. She has also served as the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Executive in Charge. Dr. Clancy also served as the Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence overseeing VHA's performance, quality, safety, risk management, systems engineering, auditing, oversight, ethics and accreditation programs, as well as ten years as the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. In 2015, Dr. Clancy was selected as the Outstanding Federal Executive of the Year by Disabled American Veterans.



Dr. Clancy, a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine and serves as Senior Associate Editor, Health Services Research. Dr. Clancy has contributed to eight academic textbooks and authored, co-authored and provided invited commentary in more than 225 scholarly journal articles. She served as member of the National Quality Forum, Board of Directors, as the Chair of the AQA Alliance and served on the Board of Governors, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. An elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Clancy was most recently presented with the 2014 Quality Champion Award, National Committee for Quality Assurance and was also named as Honorary Fellow, American Academy of Nursing.

#### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

2018 – present Deputy Under Secretary for Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks Veterans Health Administration  
2017 – 2018 Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration  
2015 – 2017 Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence, VHA, Washington, DC  
2015 DC Chief Medical Officer, VHA, Washington, DC  
2014 – 2015 Interim Under Secretary for Health, VHA, Washington, DC  
2013 – 2014 Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Quality, Safety & Value, Washington, DC  
2003 – 2013 Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Washington, DC

#### **EDUCATION:**

1997 Kennedy School of Government, Course for Senior Managers in Government, Cambridge, MA  
1989 Kennedy Institute of Bioethics Intensive Course in Bioethics, Georgetown University, Washington, DC  
1988 Stanford Faculty Development Program in Clinical Teaching, Stanford, CA  
1984 Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellow in General Internal Medicine, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
1982 Intern and Resident in Medicine, Worcester Memorial Hospital, Worcester, MA  
1979 Medical Doctor, University of Massachusetts School of Medicine, Amherst, MA  
1975 Bachelor of Science in Math and Chemistry, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA