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Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., was named Interim Under Secretary for Health for the Department of Veterans Affairs, on July 2, 2014. As Interim Under Secretary for Health, Dr. Clancy oversees the health care needs of millions of Veterans enrolled in VHA, the United States' largest integrated health care system, with more than 1700 sites, including hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and Readjustment Counseling Centers. In addition, VHA is the nation's largest provider of graduate medical education and a major contributor to medical research.

Prior to assuming the duties of the Interim Under Secretary for Health, Dr. Clancy was the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health, for Quality, Safety and Value where served as the Chief Quality Management Officer for VHA – planning, directing, coordinating, and evaluating VHA's national quality, safety, and value-producing programs and approaches.

Dr. Carolyn M. Clancy also served as Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), from February, 2003 through August, 24, 2013.

Dr. Clancy, a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Following clinical training in internal medicine, Dr. Clancy was a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. Before joining AHRQ in 1990, she was also an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia.

Dr. Clancy holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine) and serves as Senior Associate Editor, Health Services Research. She serves on multiple editorial boards including JAMA, Annals of Family Medicine, American Journal of Medical Quality, and Medical Care Research and Review.

She is a member of the Institute of Medicine and was elected a Master of the American College of Physicians in 2004. In 2009, was awarded the 2009 William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research.

Her major research interests include improving health care quality and patient safety, and reducing disparities in care associated with patients' race, ethnicity, gender, income, and education. As Director, she launched the first annual report to the Congress on health care disparities and health care quality.



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