

Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Erica M. Scavella, M.D., FACP, FACHE

Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services Veterans Health Administration

Erica M. Scavella, M.D., FACP, FACHE, as Assistant Under Secretary for Health (AUSH) for Clinical Services, is the Chief Medical Officer of the

Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 and served as the 2015-2017 LVA Alumni Association Membership Chair. She completed the VHA Healthcare Leadership Development Program in 2012 and the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executive Fellows Program in 2017.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2022 – Present 2021 – 2022	Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, VHA Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Oversight, Risk and Ethics, VHA
2018 – 2021	The Medical Inspector, Office of the Medical Inspector, VHA
2017 – 2018	Interim Medical Inspector, Office of the Medical Inspector, VHA
2010 – 2017	Senior Medical Investigator, Office of the Medical Inspector, VHA
2008 – 2010	Physician Coordinator, Center for Performance, VA Maryland Healthcare System, Baltimore, MD
2005 – 2011	Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
2004 – 2010	Medical Director, VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Glen Burnie, MD
1999 – 2004	Staff Physician, VA Maryland Healthcare System, Baltimore and Glen Burnie, MD

EDUCATION:

1996 Doctor of Medicine, Rutgers University – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, NJ

1992 Bachelor of Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ