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Biography

Mary Denigan-Macauley is a Director of Public Health in the Health Care team for the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)—a nonpartisan and independent investigative arm of the U.S. Congress. She joined GAO in 2001, managing a diverse portfolio related to science and infectious zoonotic diseases. Her current work evaluates the effectiveness of federal programs to promote and ensure public health. Areas of focus under her leadership include HHS leadership and coordination of public health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC testing and surveillance, and medical response to disasters; biodefense; FDA oversight of drug, biologic and device manufacturing and safety; antimicrobial resistance; and biosafety and security of select agents and other high risk pathogens. Before joining GAO, Mary Denigan-Macauley taught public policy for Sam Houston State University in Texas and Troy University in Japan. She was also a visiting professor at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs in Tbilisi, Georgia, to promote sound and ethical governance. She graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science, attained a Master of Science from the University of Arizona, and earned a Ph.D. in Public Administration from Arizona State University.