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Dr. Baligh Yehia is the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health/Chief Medical Officer for Community Care at the Veterans Health Administration, the nation's largest integrated health care system. He leads VA's efforts to develop and operate a high-performing network of federal, academic, and community providers focused on delivering care to Veterans. He oversees activities related to improving access to community care, developing and enhancing partnerships with non-VA providers, supporting care coordination, and increasing operational effectiveness for purchased care.

A leading expert in HIV medicine, Dr. Yehia has published over 140 articles, abstracts, chapters, and white papers, making important contributions to the understanding of patient engagement in healthcare and individual and environmental factors influencing access to and participation in care.

Dr. Yehia is dedicated to improving the quality of healthcare delivery, and has served in top leadership positions on numerous boards and councils. He is a former member of the American College of Physicians Board of Regents, the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education, and the Maryland State Medical Society Board of Trustees. In addition, he is a past Chair of the American Medical Association Resident and Fellow Section, the nation's largest association of resident and fellow physicians.

Nationally recognized as an emerging leader in healthcare, Dr. Yehia has received the Walter J. McDonald Award for Early Career Physicians from the American College of Physicians, American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award, Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Microbiology, Robert Austrian Award in Infectious Diseases from the University of Pennsylvania, and the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award from his alma mater.

Dr. Yehia is board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases. He received his bachelor and medical degrees from the University of Florida, completed internal medicine residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and infectious diseases fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He also holds a Masters in Public Policy from Princeton University and Masters of Science in Health Policy Research from the University of Pennsylvania. He is an Assistant Professor in Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Senior Fellow at the Penn Center for Public Health Initiatives, Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, and Fellow of the American College of Physicians.