

## **Department of Veterans Affairs Biography**

**Harold Kudler, MD  
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Dr. Kudler received his M.D. from Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, trained in Psychiatry at Yale and is Adjunct Associate Professor at Duke. He has received teaching awards from the Duke Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychoanalytic Association. From 2002 to 2010, Dr. Kudler coordinated mental health services for a three state region of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and from 2000 through 2005 co-chaired VA's Special Committee on PTSD which reports to Congress. He founded the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies' (ISTSS) PTSD Practice Guidelines taskforce and has served on the ISTSS Board of Directors. He co-led development of the joint VA/Department of Defense Guideline for the Management of Posttraumatic Stress and serves as advisor to Sesame Street's Talk Listen Connect series for military families. From 2006 to 2014, he co-led the North Carolina Governor's Focus on Returning Military Members and their Families. In 2012, he was appointed to the North Carolina Institute of Medicine. From 2004 to 2014, Dr. Kudler was Associate Director of the VA's Mid-Atlantic Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) which focuses on Deployment Mental Health. From 2010 to 2013, Dr. Kudler was also Medical Lead for the VISN 6 Rural Health Initiative. In July, 2014, he joined VA Central Office in Washington DC where he serves as Chief Consultant for Mental Health Services.