



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

M. Christopher Saslo, DNS, ARNP-BC-FAANP

Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer Veterans Health Administration



Dr. M. Christopher Saslo assumed the role of Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer (AUHS-PCS/CNO) on October 9, 2022. In this role he serves in as principal executive for oversight of Nursing, Social Work, Caregiver Support, Connected Care, Pharmacy, Sterile Processing, Geriatrics and Extended Care, Population Health, Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation, Physician Assistants, and Rehabilitation and Prosthetics.

Dr. Saslo served as the Acting AUSH-PCS/CNO, July 2022 thru October 2022 and prior to that as the Acting Senior Advisor to the AUSH-PCS/CNO from January 2022 thru June 2022. He has served as Associate Director for Patient Care Services at Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System since 2014. Dr. Saslo has served as Interim Director from June 2017 to January 2018 and as acting Deputy Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health: Clinical Operations from October 2018 thru May 2019. In his role as ADPCS, Dr. Saslo has oversight for Inpatient and Outpatient Nursing service as well as the Office of Social Work, Sterile Processing, Clinical Informatics, Food & Nutrition and Chaplain Services. Dr. Saslo has been a Nurse for more than 37 years and has served VHA for more than 27 years. Chris has worked in areas including Ambulatory Care as both Nurse Practitioner and Program Manager, Medicine Service in the HIV and Hepatology clinics and Associate Chief Nurse for Clinical Practice in Nursing. Dr. Saslo has served as the Past President for the Florida Nurse Practitioner Network and the local NP Council of Palm Beach County.

Dr. Saslo holds a Bachelor's Degree from Marywood University in Scranton, PA, his Masters from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA, and a Doctorate in Nursing from Florida Atlantic University. He has been actively involved at local and national levels including the past Chair of the National Ethics Advisory for HIV/Hep C Clinical Case Registry.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- 10/2022 – Present AUSH-PCS/CNO (SES-EQV), VHA
- 07/2014 – 10/2022 Associate Director for Patient Care Services Gulf Coast VHCS
 - 08/2022 – 10/2022 Acting AUSH-PCS/CNO (SES-EQV), VHA
 - 01/2022 – 07/2022 Acting Senior Advisor to the AUSH-PCS/CNO (SES-EQV), VHA
 - 10/2018 – 05/2019 Acting Deputy Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations(10NC) (SES-level)
 - 06/2017 – 01/2018 Interim Medical Center, Gulf Coast VHCS
- 05/2009 - 07/2014 Chief Nurse for Clinical Practice West Palm Beach VAMC

EDUCATION:

- 2007 Doctor of Nursing Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
- 1995 Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA
- 1990 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Marywood University, Scranton, PA
- 1984 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Graduate, LCAVT School of Practical Nursing, Scranton, PA
- 1979 Business Administration Studies, Pennsylvania State University, Dunmore, PA