



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Lisa M. Arfons, MD

***Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health Office of
Integrated Veteran Care
Veterans Health Administration***



Effective April 22, 2026, Dr. Lisa Arfons was appointed as the Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for the VHA Office of Integrated Veteran Care (IVC).

Dr. Arfons previously served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health for IVC and the Executive Director for IVC's Integrated Optimization. Before transitioning to IVC, she served as Acting Deputy to the Executive Director for Access and Senior Medical Advisor for the former VHA Office of Veterans Access to Care (OVAC), where she facilitated and managed national initiatives to improve Veterans' access to care. She also served for eight years as Chief of the Hematology/Oncology Section at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC.

Dr. Arfons received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH, and her Bachelor of Classics degree from John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH. She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine for Hematology and Medical Oncology.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

04/2026 – Present	Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health, IVC, Washington, DC
05/2026 – Present	Executive Director, Community Care Hub
02/2026 – Present	Strategic Division Leader, Integrated Care & Delivery
02/2026 – Present	Acting Executive Director, Access Transformation, IVC, Washington, DC
02/2025 – 04/2026	Acting Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health, IVC, Washington, DC
01/2023 – 02/2025	Executive Director, Integrated Optimization, IVC, Washington, DC
04/2022 – 01/2023	Acting Executive Leadership Team Member, IVC, Washington, DC
11/2020 – 03/2022	Acting Deputy Executive Director, OVAC, Washington, DC
06/2020 – 10/2020	Senior Medical Advisor, OVAC, Washington, DC
03/2018 – 05/2020	Acting Senior Medical Advisor, OVAC, Washington, DC
04/2018 – 05/2020	Chair, Comprehensive Cancer Committee, Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC, Cleveland, OH
06/2015 – 05/2020	Lead Medical Oncology Representative, Cancer Program Leadership Council, Comprehensive Cancer Program, Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC, Cleveland, OH
12/2011 – 02/2018	Section Chief, Hematology/Oncology, Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC, Cleveland, OH
07/2010 – Present	Staff Physician, Hematology/Oncology, Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC, Cleveland, OH

12/2010 – 06/2015 Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

EDUCATION:

2023 Federal Executive Institute, Leadership for a Democratic Society
2019 Leadership VA, VA Executive Leadership Training
10/2015 – 05/2016 Flex: A Professional Development Program for Women Faculty, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH
07/2007 – 06/2010 Fellow, Hematology/Oncology, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland, OH
07/2006 – 06/2007 Chief Resident, Internal Medicine, University Hospitals Case Medical Centers, Cleveland, OH
07/2004 – 06-2006 Resident, Internal Medicine, University Hospitals Case Medical Centers, Cleveland, OH
07/2003 – 06/2004 Intern, Internal Medicine, University Hospitals Case Medical Centers, Cleveland, OH
07/1999 – 06/2003 Doctor of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University of Medicine, Cleveland, OH
07/1995 – 06/1999 Bachelor of Latin/Classical Languages, John Carroll University, University Heights, OH