



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Dr. Neil Evans

Performing the Delegable Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Officer

Office of Information and Technology

Neil C. Evans, MD performs the delegable duties of the Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Officer, effective August 27, 2021. In this role, he is VA's senior information and technology executive, overseeing the day-to-day activities of VA's Digital Transformation, managing a budget of more than \$4 billion and a workforce of approximately 16,000 government and contract staff who enable health care and benefits delivery to more than 9 million enrolled Veterans.



Dr. Evans also continues to formally serve as the Chief Officer for the Office of Connected Care in the Veterans Health Administration, overseeing VA's expansive telehealth program and VA's Veteran-facing digital health capabilities to include VA's patient portal, mobile program, and other initiatives to deliver digital technologies to Veterans and their medical providers. In addition, he served from 2019-2020 as Interim Director, and then more recently as Senior Advisor, at the Federal Electronic Health Record Modernization Program Office, leading efforts to implement a single, common federal electronic health record with the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Coast Guard.

Dr. Evans has over 20 years of experience in VA and remains an active primary care physician, managing a panel of patients in the Primary Care clinic at the Washington, D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He has served in both clinical and IT-related leadership roles at the Medical Center level and at VA Central Office.

Dr. Evans began his VA career after completing medical school at Johns Hopkins University and his subsequent training in Internal Medicine through the Osler Medical Residency, also at Johns Hopkins. He is board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Clinical Informatics and holds a faculty appointment as a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Prior to his medical training, he received a B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Delaware.

In October 2020, Dr. Evans was selected as a winner of the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal for Management Excellence. Dr. Evans and his wife, Rachel, have three children.