



# Department of Veterans Affairs

## Senior Executive Biography

### **Thomas O’Toole, MD**

**Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health  
Administration**



As the Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health (AUSH) for Clinical Services, Dr. Thomas O’Toole serves as the Acting Chief Medical Officer of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), serving over 9 million enrolled Veterans annually at over 1,700 sites of care in the nation’s largest integrated healthcare system. He has been the Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health in this office since 2021. Prior to joining VA Central Office in 2017, he was the Director of the National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans and the founding director of the Homeless Veterans Patient Aligned Care Team (H-PACT) Program. He began his VA career as the Chief of Primary Care at the Providence VA Medical Center (VAMC) in 2006. He is a general internist based at the Providence VAMC in Rhode Island where he is also a Professor of Medicine and Public Health at Brown University; he had previously been on the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh, Johns Hopkins and Georgetown University. His health services research over the past thirty-two years has focused on the needs of vulnerable and underserved populations, medical education, and health systems design. Dr. O’Toole was the Principal Investigator on grants from National Institutes of Health (NIH), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA), private foundations, and VA Health Services Research & Development (HSR&D), and has over 100 papers, peer-reviewed articles and book chapters published. In 2016, Dr. O’Toole was a finalist for the National Samuel J. Heyman Service to America award. He completed the VHA Healthcare Leadership Development Program in 2015.

### **VA CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

- 2025 – Present            Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, VHA
- 2021 – Present        Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, VHA
- 2017 – 2021           Senior Medical Advisor, Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, VHA
- 2016 – 2017           Director, National Center on Homelessness among Veterans, VHA
- 2011 – 2017           National Director, Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team (H-PACT) Program
- 2006 – 2011           Chief of Primary Care, Providence VA Medical Center, VHA

### **EDUCATION:**

- 2015    VHA Health Care Leadership Development Program, Class of 2015a
- 1994    American Board of Internal Medicine Diplomate 1
- 1991    Doctor of Medicine, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA
- 1985    Bachelor of Arts in Economics, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA