



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Catherine McVeary Kelso, MD, MS

**Deputy Executive Director
Geriatrics and Extended Care**

Dr. Catherine Kelso serves as the Deputy Executive Director for Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) in the Office of Patient Care Services. As the Deputy Executive Director for GEC, Dr Kelso will provide national leadership to and has advisory and consultative responsibility for all VHA geriatric and long-term care programs and initiatives.

Dr Kelso joined VHA in 2006 at the VISN 6 Richmond VAMC and has provided exceptional clinical health care to Veterans and their families. Dr Kelso led education and training for interdisciplinary trainees in collaboration with Virginia Commonwealth University as an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine. Most recently, Dr Kelso has served as the Associate Chief of Staff for Geriatrics and Extended Care at the Central Virginia VA Medical Center in Richmond, VA.

Prior to joining VA, Dr Kelso joined Virginia Commonwealth University, Division of Geriatric Medicine. Her early career focus included care delivery in community nursing homes, inpatient geriatric consultation and served in the VCU School of Medicine as a Course Director. In 2004, she received a Geriatric Academic Career Award and focused her professional development and expertise in palliative care, communication, bioethics and leadership.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2020 - Present	Deputy Executive Director, Geriatrics and Extended Care
2013 - 2020	Associate Chief of Staff, Geriatrics and Extended Care VAMC, Richmond, VA
2012 - 2020	Clinical Consultant, Senior Advisor, Geriatrics and Extended Care, VACO
2006 - 2013	Attending Physican, Geriatrics and Extended Care, VAMC, Richmond, VA
2000 - 2006	Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, Attending Physician General Medicine and Hematology, Oncology and Palliative Care Department of Internal Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, Richmond, VA

EDUCATION:

2008	Master of Arts, Bioethics and Health Policy, Loyola University Chicago, Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy, Chicago IL
1996	Doctor of Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia, Richmond VA, George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington DC, 1991-1994
1986	Master of Science, University of Maryland at Baltimore, Primary Care Nursing, Adult NP, Baltimore, MD
1984	Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC,
1978	Associate of Arts, Prince George's Community College Nursing, Largo, MD

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