



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

June 1, 2021

**MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS**

SUBJECT: Designation of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Chief Science Officer (VIEWS 5043215).

1. DESIGNATION. This memorandum designates Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D. as VA's Chief Science Officer (CSO). The CSO will serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary, through the VA enterprise governance structure, on scientific issues and ensure that VA's research programs are scientifically and technologically well-founded and conducted with integrity. The CSO will also oversee the implementation and iterative improvement of policies and processes affecting the integrity of research funded, conducted or overseen by the agency, as well as ensuring the data quality and integrity of program evaluation and other scientific activities used to build evidence for policy decisions. This oversight extends to policies affecting the Federal and non-Federal scientists who support the research activities of the agency, including scientific integrity policies consistent with the provisions of this memorandum.

AUTHORITY. Presidential Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking, dated January 27, 2021.

RESTRICTIONS. None.

REDESIGNATION. None.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION DATE. This designation is effective upon signature and will expire in 4 years unless superseded or rescinded.

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Denis McDonough