

## OEHRM Leadership Biographies

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### **Dr. Laura Kroupa** – Chief Medical Officer



Dr. Laura Kroupa is the chief medical officer (CMO) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization (OEHRM). As CMO, she represents VA and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) as a functional champion overseeing clinical strategy and planning efforts for the electronic health record (EHR) transformation. Her responsibilities include oversight of change management, training, deployment, process reengineering, clinical interoperability, data strategy and innovation for the EHR. Kroupa serves as the primary liaison between the vendor and the functional community and an interface between the VHA and Department of Defense EHR communities. Prior to joining OEHRM, Kroupa served as the chief medical informatics officer in Veterans Integrated Service Network 15, where she evaluated information technology (IT) systems.

Her key accomplishments include:

- Designed and applied electronic medical records (EMR) and EHR software and applications.
- Converted and analyzed medical and health data to ensure quality of care across multiple information systems.
- Leveraged medical and health data to improve services and daily operations.
- Trained physicians and other medical professionals in IT systems and applications, especially EMR/EHR and computerized physician order entry.

Kroupa has been actively involved in the field of health informatics for over 20 years, beginning with the implementation of VA's Computerized Patient Record System. She has interest in informatics education, applied analytics and reducing EHR burden for clinicians.

Kroupa is board certified in internal medicine and clinical informatics and is an associate professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. She is a member of the American Medical Informatics Association and the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society.