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Dr. Carol A. Romano is a professor and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the Graduate School of Nursing at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

She earned a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy from the School of Nursing at the University of Maryland after earning a diploma in nursing from the Geisinger Medical Center in Pennsylvania. Dr. Romano also completed the Interagency Institute for Federal Executives at George Washington University and the Harvard University Senior Managers in Government Program at the Kennedy School of Government. She is board certified in nursing informatics and as an advanced nurse executive. Furthermore, Dr. Romano is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and the American College of Medical Informatics.

Dr. Romano has served in a variety of leadership positions in the United States Public Health Service in the Office of the Surgeon General (OSG) where she was responsible for oversight and operations that affected 6,800 commissioned officers, 4,000 reserve officers and 3,000 nurses who supported the mission to protect, promote and

advance the health of the nation. Her roles involved strategic planning, policy development and advising senior government officials and included Acting Deputy Surgeon General, Acting Chief of Staff OSG, Director of the Office of Reserve Affairs and Chief Nurse Officer of the USPHS. She has played a leadership role in emergency response and worked to create the federal health volunteer web site and hot line several days after Hurricane Katrina landed.

Dr. Romano also worked for 34 years at the National Institutes of Health, Clinical Research Center where she served as associate investigator, clinical research nurse, educator, director of nursing communications and recruitment, nursing system specialist, director of clinical informatics and quality assessment, deputy chief information officer and senior advisor for clinical research informatics.

She is recognized as a pioneer in nursing informatics as she helped design and implement one of the first computerized medical information systems in 1976, which provided electronic medical orders and clinical documentation for physicians and nurses in ambulatory and hospital environments.

She was also co-architect of the world's first graduate curriculum in nursing informatics at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. In addition, Dr. Romano served as advisor to the World Health Organization on the management of manpower and health information in developing countries.

She has authored more than 50 professional published papers, given numerous presentations at national and international conferences, and has held several university faculty appointments. Dr. Romano served as an editorial board member for referred journals, chair of the Commission on Certification of the American Nurses Credentialing Center that oversees over 30 nursing specialty certification boards, co-chair of the Maryland State Board of Nursing Task Force on Standards of Practice, and co-developer of the National Institutes of Health Nurse Scientist Training Program. Her research includes published studies in the area of informatics education, confidentiality of health records, satisfaction and efficiencies of electronic health records and the adoption of innovations.

Dr. Romano's accomplishments have been recognized with numerous awards including the NIH Director's Award; Assistant Secretary for Health Award; the Surgeon General's Medallion and Exemplary Service Award; and the PHS Meritorious, Outstanding Service, Commendation, Achievement, and Crisis Response Medals as well as several citations. She has received the DHHS Secretary's Quality of Life Award, several academic achievement awards and has been named among the World's Who's Who of Women and Who's Who in American Nursing.