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Saint Louis University medical alumna recognized for influence in health information technology

WASHINGTON — Dr. Laura Kroupa, a Saint Louis University – medical school alumna and chief medical officer for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) <u>Office of Electronic</u> <u>Health Record Modernization (OEHRM)</u>, was honored by FedHealthIT magazine during an award ceremony Oct. 30 at the <u>Leading for Impact: Women in Leadership conference</u> in Arlington, Virginia.

"By any measure, Dr. Kroupa is solidifying her position as one of the foremost leaders in health information technology," said John H. Windom, who as executive director leads OEHRM. "With her depth and breadth of clinical and technical knowledge, as well as commitment to VA's mission, she stands at the forefront of key decisions that are driving VA's electronic health record modernization effort."

As OEHRM's clinical champion, Kroupa is pioneering the effort to configure VA's new electronic health record (EHR) solution, setting national clinical standards to transform the delivery of Veterans' health care. This effort began in May 2018 when VA awarded Cerner Corp. a contract to replace the department's legacy patient record systems with the commercial-off-the-shelf solution currently being deployed by DOD. A single interoperable EHR solution across VA and DOD will facilitate the secure transfer of active-duty service members' health data as they transition to Veteran status, creating a lifetime of seamless care for service members and Veterans.

Kroupa was among 29 women saluted by FedHealthIT for their work as leaders in the federal technology and consulting community.

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