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**Susan M. Orsega, MSN, RN,
FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN**
*Rear Admiral
United States Public Health Service*

**Health Care
in Complex Times:
Looking at the past to look
towards the future**

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Wednesday, November 8, 2023

3:00pm to 4:15pm EST

Webinar via ZOOM

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Rear Admiral (RADM) Susan Orsega is the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health and U.S. Surgeon General. Her career has included more than 30 years in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and included global assignments to provide operational management and public health leadership. She has led in circumstances as varied as international government transition to infectious disease outbreaks—and includes her service as Acting Surgeon General from January 26, 2021 to March 25, 2021.

RADM Orsega's presentation will highlight the role of nurse leadership in meeting local, national, and global health needs in complex environments. She will underscore the role of advocacy and leadership when and where needs exist. Reflecting on her experiences of the past, she will offer reflections on what we should be doing as we look at the future of healthcare and systems in our nation. An expanded biography is attached on the following page.

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Rear Admiral Susan M. Orsega, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN

For more than 33 years, Rear Admiral Orsega has served in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and currently serves as the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health and the U.S. Surgeon General.

Commissioned in 1989, Rear Admiral Orsega was first assigned to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as the HIV/AIDS epidemic was unfolding. Then, as a Nurse Practitioner, Orsega was assigned to the NIH, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and managed global partnerships in multiple African countries during periods of emerging infectious disease outbreaks such as Ebola and HIV.

In 2019, she was selected as the Director of Commissioned Corps Headquarters at the Office of the Surgeon General and managed the activation of the largest historical deployment of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps in support of international and national COVID-19 efforts.

RADM Orsega was appointed by President Joe Biden and served as Acting Surgeon General of the United States from January 26 to March 25 of 2021, pending the Senate confirmation of Dr. Vivek H. Murthy as 21st Surgeon General of the United States. Rear Admiral Orsega was the first Nurse Practitioner to ever hold this position.

Now as the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health and the U.S. Surgeon General, Orsega is the principal advisor on a full range of Office of the Assistant Secretary, Office of Surgeon General, and U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps programs, policies, and activities. Under her leadership, innovative strategic partnerships have been the mainstay of her work. She leads the PHS Commissioned Corps Legislative program.

Orsega has served in 18 disaster / humanitarian deployments around the world in far reaching places such as Papua New Guinea. Orsega's distinguished public health emergency experience and focus on nursing practice has been widely recognized receiving numerous awards reflecting her varied accomplishments that include:

- The American Nursing Credentialing Center's Princess Muna Al Hussein Award in 2019 for her commitment to nursing and healthcare across the global landscape;
- the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service in 2016;
- the Uniformed Services University Graduate of School of Nursing Alumni of the Year award in 2015; and
- the National Institutes of Health Director's award in 2002 for her exceptional performance as a responder to September 11th in New York City

Rear Admiral Orsega earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Towson University and a Master's degree of Science from the USU GSN Nurse Practitioner program. She was inducted as a Fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners in 2013, and three years later was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing. As the current longest standing USPHS career officer and 2 star admiral, Orsega is well-known as a subject matter expert in disaster response, strategic leadership, HIV/AIDS practice, global health diplomacy and international operations. Orsega co-authored 32 articles in peer-reviewed journals and presented at 50 major scientific and nursing conferences around the world.