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Amanda Johnson, MD, FACOG is the Director of Reproductive Health within the Office of Women's Health in the Veterans Health Administration. The Office of Women's Health reports directly to the Under Secretary of Health. In this role, Dr. Johnson oversees the delivery and quality of reproductive health care for Veterans across the lifespan throughout VA systems.

Dr. Johnson is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist with a focus on underserved and vulnerable patient populations. She earned her medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. During this time, she provided care at an urban community health clinic, organized domestic violence awareness training, and served patients experiencing homelessness.



Before joining the VA, she served as an associate professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia University. Subsequently, she also served on the faculty of the University of Washington School of Medicine's WWAMI Regional Medical Education Program, a community-based medical education program to address a medical desert in historically underserved rural areas in the northwest United States. Dr. Johnson joined the Cheyenne VA Medical Center in 2010 as a gynecologist and the Women's Health Medical Director. She is passionate about caring for women Veterans and advocating for their reproductive health needs. In January of 2020, Dr. Johnson joined VA Central Office. Under her leadership, VA nimbly responded to the COVID-19 pandemic response in developing guidance and policy for health care of pregnant, postpartum, and lactating Veterans.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Johnson has received multiple honors, including being inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society and receiving awards including the Sloane Hospital for Women Excellence in Teaching Award, the 2003 University of Washington School of Medicine Merck Manual Award, and the 2007 Howard C. Taylor Award. She sits on numerous committees and boards, including the White House Maternal Health Interagency Policy Committee, the Transgender Care Coordination Integrated Project Team, the Breast and Gynecologic Oncology System of Excellence Advisory Board, VA Gender Strategy Committee, the VA Market Area Health System Optimization Women's Health National Planning Strategy Committee, Women Veterans' Reproductive Health Research Work Group, the VA Electronic Health Record Modernization Gynecology Work Group, and the National Surgery Office's Gynecology Surgical Advisory Board.

She has successfully worked across VHA to expand initiatives for women and gender-diverse Veterans. Under her leadership, VA has enhanced care across the reproductive health lifespan in contraceptive access, fertility and infertility treatment, lactation support for Veterans, emergency care for women,

pelvic floor physical therapy, inclusion of transgender and other gender-diverse Veterans, menopause, and prenatal/perinatal/postpartum care. Dr. Johnson has spearheaded initiatives to research disparities and social determinants of health in pregnancy-associated mortality. She is also overseeing an expansion of the maternity care coordination program so care is seamlessly coordinated between VA facilities and maternity care in the community from the time of a positive pregnancy test through 12 months following the end of pregnancy, at a time when Veterans are at increased risk of morbidity and mortality. In addition, Dr. Johnson has led the effort to successfully establish VA's first Advanced Fellowship Program in Minimally Invasive Gynecology, which improves access to minimally invasive gynecology surgery as well as care for gynecologic conditions common in Veterans across the health care system.