



RDML Eleanor V. Valentin

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Rear Admiral Valentin is the first female flag officer to serve as the director of the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps. In her current position, she directs the redesign of governance for the Military Health Systems that oversees the healthcare of more than 9.6 million beneficiaries. In 2000, Valentin worked for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs as the director of regional operations for the Military Health System's health plan known as TRICARE. Her subsequent assignments included executive officer, Naval Hospital Corpus Christi, Texas; commanding officer, Naval Hospital/Health Clinic Cherry Point, North Carolina; and chief of staff, Navy Medicine National Capital Area. In her first flag tour as commander of the Navy Medicine Support Command, she had responsibilities for all Navy Medicine activities in research, education and training, information systems, public Health, and logistics. She earned bachelor's degrees in zoology and psychology at the University of Washington and two public health master's degrees in health policy and biostatistics at the University of Hawaii.