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Dr Jenkins joined the FDA Office of Women's Health (OWH) in 2015. In her role as OWH Director of Medical and Scientific Initiatives, Dr. Jenkins provides sex and gender scientific expertise within scientific programs. In addition to her medical degree, Dr Jenkins holds degrees in Chemical Engineering and JHU Master of Education in the Health Professions (MEdHP). A national thought leader in sex and gender research and its clinical application, Dr Jenkins founded the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health, a biomedical research and health education institute spanning across five health professionals' schools and six campuses.

She has served in a variety of national roles such as Program Chair of the 2015 and 2018 National Sex and Gender Health Professional Education Summit, co-Chair of the Reproduction Workgroup of NASA's Decadal Review, the USMLE Women's Health National Board of Medical Examiners Writing Group, HRSA expert panel advisories and NIH expert panels. She has delivered over 150 scientific and consumer presentations and co-authored research publications, scientific commentaries, and textbooks. Dr Jenkins has received numerous awards such as the American Medical Women's Association Elizabeth Blackwell Award, the Women's Health Congress Award for Public Policy and Advocacy in Women's Health, and the Cedars-Sinai Linda Joy Pollin Advancing Women's Heart Health Leadership Award.