

Marsha B. Henderson, M.C.R.P.
Assistant Commissioner for Women's Health

For over 25 years, Marsha Henderson has served as the Asst. Commissioner for Women's Health within FDA's Office of Women's Health (OWH) since 2010. In this capacity, she directs and coordinates FDA policy and research. Ms. Henderson has been a leading advocate of greater inclusion of women in clinical trials, and is the first recipient of the Dr. Estelle Ramey Award for Women's Health Leadership in recognition of her exemplary leadership in women's health and a commitment to the study of the impact of sex differences on health. Under her leadership, OWH has:

- Funded research and scientific workshops to support the development of the first draft guidance by FDA on the evaluation of sex differences in clinical studies on medical devices.
- Compiled the first report on the extent to which clinical trial participation and safety and effectiveness data by demographic subgroups are included in applications submitted to FDA for drugs, biologics and medical devices.
- Jointly developed with NIH ORWH the first online continuing education curriculum on sex differences with continuing education credits for physicians, pharmacists and nurses The Science of Sex and Gender in Human Health which released a third course this year.
- Is making FDA/OWH-funded research publications more transparent and available to the public.
- Is spearheading OWH's efforts to develop a new 3 year strategic plan and Research Roadmap for women's health in collaborations with key FDA Centers and Offices.
- In 1996, she developed the Take Time to Care Program (TTTC), FDA's first national consumer education initiative for women which has built a network of national organizations to work collaboratively to share FDA OWH information with consumers, scientists and health professionals. Under TTTC,
- FDA resources have reached over 50 million women.
- These efforts have been recognized by over 100 national health and advocacy organizations including the GSA Consumer Choice Award and the Pinnacle Award presented by the National Health Care Alliance (a coalition of major healthcare and professional organizations).
- For her stellar efforts in cross-cultural communication she received the "HerMANA" Award for innovative outreach to Hispanic women.
- She was also the first non-pharmacist to receive the prestigious Jacob Miller Award from the American Pharmacists Association Foundation.
- Ms. Henderson has been recognized as one of top 5 federal employees, from a pool of thousands world-wide, for her career accomplishments.
- Her previous federal positions have included: Director of Evaluation for the Interagency Council on the Homeless; Director of Placement for the National Health Service Corps, Chief of Analysis and Information for the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, and Senior Advisor to the Director of the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor.
- Her volunteer interests have included membership on the boards of YWCA USA, APhA Foundation, and BET Foundation. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. a public service sorority.
- Ms. Henderson is married to Mr. Wade Henderson, a renowned civil rights lawyer and President/CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. They live in Washington D.C and have two adult daughters Tahira and Anaia.