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Dr. Wanda Jones is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Women's Health) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Office on Women's Health. Since her selection in February 1998, Dr. Jones has focused her efforts on eliminating health disparities for women through a variety of programs and initiatives, including the National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health, the National Community Centers of Excellence in Women's Health, the National Women's Health Information Center (www.4woman.gov or 1-800-994WOMAN- TDD: 1-888-220-5446) and the Panel of Experts on Minority Women's Health.

Dr. Jones also actively participates in the Department's efforts concerning violence against women and HIV/AIDS. In addition, she recently chaired a public meeting on the safety of dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids, convened a three day "Young Women's Health Summit" with teens and young women from all over the country, and is an active voice for Departmental efforts to increase breastfeeding among minority women. She has also supported women's health activities outside Washington, D.C. through women's health coordinators assigned to each of the ten regions of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Jones has long been recognized for her leadership on women's health issues in the federal and state public health communities. Prior to her current position, Dr. Jones was the Associate Director for Women's Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. A Penn State graduate in medical technology, she has worked in an inner city blood bank and its hematology laboratory; in a small town hospital as its night shift technologist and then as its microbiologist; and for a State public health laboratory as a laboratory improvement consultant. She obtained her doctorate in Public Health Laboratory Practice from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Jones joined CDC in 1987 as an HIV laboratory trainer. In 1990, she became the Assistant Director for Science in the Office of the Associate Director for HIV/AIDS, where she was active in policy issues related to HIV laboratory testing, women and AIDS, HIV vaccine development and health care workers.





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Valerie Scardino serves as the Program Manager for the National Women's Health Information Center in the Office on Women's Health in the Department of Health and Human Services, directing the contract for the information clearinghouse, 1-800 information and referral service line, and website. She oversees all marketing activities, enhancements to the toll-free service and website design, selection of new materials, evaluation activities and program expenditures. In addition, she represents the Office on Women's Health on Internet, Health Literacy, and Health Communications committees. She ensures and promotes appropriate consultation and input from the Coordinating Committee on Women's Health.

Ms. Scardino is a health communications specialist with 15 years experience with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and in the private sector. She has extensive experience designing and implementing national health campaigns. She has been responsible for developing communication strategies, designing messages for the campaigns, managing the writing and design of all collateral materials, organizing press events, generating media coverage, and overseeing the evaluation of these activities.

Ms. Scardino received her B.B.A. in Business/Marketing from the University of Massachusetts and her M.P.A. from Suffolk University in Boston, MA.