Janine Clayton, M.D., NIH Associate Director for Research on Women’s Health and Director, Office of Research on Women’s Health
Dr. Janine Clayton leads NIH’s policy change initiative that requires scientists to include female animals and cells in preclinical research design. A native Washingtonian, Dr. Clayton received her undergraduate degree with honors from the Johns Hopkins University and her M.D. from Howard University College of Medicine. She completed a residency in ophthalmology at the Medical College of Virginia and did fellowship training in cornea and external disease at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital and in uveitis and ocular immunology at the National Eye Institute (NEI). She has been an attending physician and clinical investigator in cornea and uveitis at the NEI since 1996.

Lauren V. Wood, M.D., Senior Clinical Investigator, Vaccine Branch, Center for Cancer Research, NIH National Cancer Institute
Dr. Lauren V. Wood joined the NCI Vaccine Branch in 2005, where she serves as head of the Clinical Trials Team. She is responsible for the bench-to-bedside clinical translation and implementation of first-in-human studies investigating novel vaccine platforms and immune-based therapies for cancer and HIV infection. Dr. Wood is also a Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service. Before taking on her current role, she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Anthony Fauci, investigating HIV-specific cellular and humoral immune responses. After joining NCI, she was involved in the initial studies of multiple antiretroviral agents that led to FDA approval for the agents’ use in children, as well as studies investigating recombinant IL-2, HIV therapeutic vaccines, and adherence to antiretroviral treatment, and on the infectious, malignant, and psychosocial complications of pediatric HIV.

Laura M. Lee, M.Sc., RN, Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Clinical Care and Patient Safety and Clinical Quality Officer, NIH Clinical Center
Laura M. Lee helps lead patient safety and improvement programs at the NIH Clinical Center (NIH-CC). Ms. Lee’s responsibilities include directing the Clinical Center’s patient safety and clinical quality improvement and performance measurement programs, coordinating the NIH-CC’s patient perception and experience activities, and overseeing the NIH-CC’s hospital accreditation activities. Ms. Lee holds a Master of Science in Patient Safety from the College of Medicine at the University of Illinois–Chicago, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the Catholic University of America, and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Gettysburg College.

Jamie Gentille, M.P.H.
Jamie Gentille was infected with HIV at age 3 through a blood transfusion during open heart surgery. She joined her first drug protocol at NIH in 1990 and has since gone on to lead a happy and healthy life. She has a Bachelor of Science in Biobehavioral Health and a Master’s in Public Health. Ms. Gentille works as a senior manager at a children’s hospital in northern Virginia and lives in Reston with her husband of nine years. In 2013, she published her memoir, Surviving HIV: Growing Up a Secret and Being Positive. She remains part of the NIH family through her involvement in a longitudinal study focusing on HIV’s long-term effects.

Juliana Ejedoghaobi, RN
Juliana Ejedoghaobi and her younger brother, Paul, were the only two out of seven children in their family born with sickle cell anemia. In 2010, Ms. Ejedoghaobi and her brother learned about bone marrow transplant research at the NIH; sadly, Paul passed away from sickle cell disease before he could receive a transplant. After the successful completion of her transplant, Ms. Ejedoghaobi decided to trade the life of a Certified Public Accountant for that of a Registered Nurse. She just completed her first year as an RN in the medical/surgical unit at a community hospital and hopes to work with children in the future. Ms. Ejedoghaobi plans to remain a member of the NIH sickle cell research team and hopes to be a positive influence and role model for future participants.
Amina White, M.D., M.A., Department of Bioethics, NIH Clinical Center
Dr. Amina White is a faculty member in the Department of Bioethics. She focuses on the study of ethical challenges among physicians during training and in clinical practice when caring for vulnerable patient populations while handling office pressures and time constraints. Her research includes patient–physician communication in the era of electronic health records, patient activation and the engagement of disadvantaged or marginalized patient groups, and trauma-informed practices in obstetrics and gynecology for women who disclose a history of abuse. Dr. White also studies issues related to the inclusion of pregnant women in clinical research.

Adrienne Farrar, Ph.D., LCSW-C, LICSW, Chief, Social Work Department, NIH Clinical Center
Dr. Adrienne Farrar is a member of the Clinical Center’s Bioethics Committee and Consultation Team. Her areas of interest are social work ethics and moral action in health care and social work administration in health care. Throughout her career, she has held social work positions in public and private sectors of geriatric social work and health care. Prior to joining NIH, Dr. Farrar was the Director of the Social Work Department at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, a board member of the Association of Healthcare Social Workers–Metro DC, Inc., and a member and former board member of the National Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care.

Lori Wiener, Ph.D., Co-Director, Behavioral Science Core; and Director, Psychosocial Support and Research Program, Pediatric Oncology Branch, Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute
Dr. Lori Wiener has been central to the fields of pediatric psychosocial oncology and pediatric HIV. At NCI, Dr. Wiener developed a robust clinical and research program that has focused on critical clinical issues in the HIV field, including parental needs and coping, children’s distress, fathers’ experiences, diagnosis disclosure, and loss and bereavement, and later, with pediatric oncology families, studying areas such as lone parenting, transnational parenting, emotional consequences of medically required isolation, sibling donor experiences, graft-versus-host disease, distress screening, and end-of-life planning. She has also dedicated a substantial part of her career to applying knowledge from her clinical experience and psychosocial studies to creating innovative resources such as workbooks and games for adolescents and young adults.

Marsha Henderson, M.C.R.P., Assistant Commissioner for Women’s Health, FDA
As Assistant Commissioner for Women’s Health at the FDA, Marsha Henderson leads women’s health research and outreach activities across the agency. She is responsible for directing the Office of Women’s Health at the FDA; coordinating FDA policy, research, and outreach efforts to protect and advance women’s health; and advocating for women’s participation in clinical trials and for sex, gender, and subpopulation analyses. During her almost 20 years at the FDA, Ms. Henderson has served as an expert in the development of public–private partnerships, cross-cutting research teams, and culturally appropriate consumer information. She developed the FDA’s award-winning “Take Time to Care” outreach initiative and built a network of national organizations that work collaboratively to disseminate FDA information.