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**Jenkins to Help Lead Clinical Trials Expansion
at UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute**

LITTLE ROCK — Amy Jo Jenkins, M.S., CCRP, recently joined the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute’s new Office of Clinical Trials Administration and will lead the Early Phase Clinical Trials at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

“Amy Jo’s vast experience, especially her years of overseeing the daily operations of the Translational Research Institute here at UAMS, makes her highly qualified to take the lead in this new position. We are lucky to have her,” said Michael Birrer, M.D., Ph.D., vice chancellor and director of the Cancer Institute.

Jenkins will direct early phase clinical research, including operations, staffing, trial management and execution, and business development. She will also work to improve the effectiveness of executing cancer-related research contracts and filings in partnership with other institutional offices.

Her other duties include creating and managing a quality assurance and control program within the Cancer Institute’s research efforts, and developing and maintaining standard operating procedures. She will also oversee the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute Network, which includes such participants as the UAMS Regional Campuses, the UAMS/Baptist Health joint venture and the Cancer Institute’s partner practices throughout Arkansas. Jenkins will work to help to identify and use opportunities to develop and expand clinical trial participation throughout the network.

Jenkins was previously chief of staff in the office of Chancellor Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, and CEO of UAMS Health. Prior to that, Jenkins was executive director of the Translational Research Institute (TRI) from 2016 to 2020, providing oversight and leadership of the institute’s daily operations. She joined TRI in 2014 as a senior project manager. She has also taught courses through the UAMS colleges of Public Health and Pharmacy as part of a program in regulatory sciences since 2012.

Jenkins is immediate past president of the board of directors for the Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA), serving as a board member since 2016. The nonprofit, charitable and educational membership organization provides an internationally recognized certification program for clinical research professionals (CCRP).

In 2011, Jenkins became the founding member and chairperson of the Arkansas SOCRA Chapter, winning awards for four consecutive years for offering the most research educational opportunities out of all the chapters worldwide. She has also worked as an administrator in the national Clinical and Translational Science Award consortium.

She first joined UAMS in 2009 as clinical research monitoring manager. Prior to that, Jenkins worked as a lead clinical research monitor at a large medical device company and served as a vice president of clinical operations for a site management organization. She received a master's degree in clinical research organization and management from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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