



## Janet Woodcock Named Acting FDA Commissioner

Washington, DC – January 20, 2021 – Friends of Cancer Research (*Friends*) would like to applaud President Biden for selecting Dr. Janet Woodcock to serve as acting Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). We look forward to working with Dr. Woodcock in her new role as the acting lead at the FDA, and should he choose, as President Biden’s permanent Commissioner.

**“Dr. Woodcock has been a pivotal figure at the FDA for decades and there is no one better qualified than her to direct the Agency at this crucial time,”** said Friends of Cancer Research Chair & Founder, Ellen Sigal. **“We have no doubt that Dr. Woodcock will not only continue to steer the Agency in the right direction, but that she will actively work to advance innovative science and ensure FDA maintains its gold-standard of reviewing and approving new therapies, vaccines, and treatments for patients.”**

*Friends* is deeply grateful to Dr. Woodcock for her many years of service at the FDA and her recent work as a lead at Operation Warp Speed. Dr. Woodcock as acting FDA Commissioner solidifies the respect of FDA and its career scientists.

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