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Dr. Jennings graduated from Oklahoma State University and attended the University Of Oklahoma School Of Medicine. He completed residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at the OU Tulsa Medical College and practiced for eight years in Stillwater, OK. In 1987, he completed a residency in aerospace medicine at Wright State University. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Preventive Medicine in Aerospace Medicine and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

He served as a NASA-JSC flight surgeon from 1987-1995 and was the Chief of the Flight Medicine Clinic and Chief of Medical Operations-Space Shuttle. During this time, he was the crew surgeon or deputy crew surgeon on 15 Shuttle missions and provided direct mission support to 45 Shuttle flights. In 1995, he joined UTMB. He currently serves as residency director of the UTMB/NASA-JSC aerospace medicine residency program. He provides astronaut gynecological care and consultation services at the Flight Medicine Clinic at JSC. In addition, he coordinates the Wyle Laboratories/UTMB physicians that support NASA at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City Russia, NASA-JSC, and the Spaceflight Analog Facility at UTMB. He is the medical director for Space Adventures and consults in commercial spaceflight. He served as the crew surgeon for Greg Olsen, Charles Simonyi, Richard Garriott, and Guy Laliberte on their five Soyuz flights to the International Space Station.