

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Announces Appointment of Three New Members

*Experts in health disparities, primary care, and
evidence-based medicine join the Task Force*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 10, 2023 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the addition of three new members: Sandra Millon Underwood, R.N., Ph.D.; Goutham Rao, M.D., FAHA; and Joel Tsevat, M.D., M.P.H. They are appointed to serve 4-year terms beginning in January 2023.

Dr. Millon Underwood has conducted extensive research addressing cancer and health disparities among minority and marginalized communities. Dr. Rao has contributed significantly to the understanding of cardiovascular disease prevention, hypertension and obesity in children, and decision making in primary care. Dr. Tsevat's areas of expertise include health-related quality-of-life research, decision analysis, and modeling. The collective work of these three individuals has greatly enhanced the health of many—including children, families, and at-risk populations.

“On behalf of the full Task Force, we welcome the new members and look forward to working with them to advance our mission of improving the health of people nationwide,” says Task Force chair Carol Mangione, M.D., M.S.P.H. “Each brings unique research portfolios and expertise delivering evidence-based care that will help the Task Force develop recommendations on effective ways to prevent disease and promote health.”

Dr. Millon Underwood is a professor emerita in the College of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is a nurse researcher, educator, and clinician with 40 years of experience in the design, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based programs that aim to foster diversity, inclusion, and health equity, and improve health outcomes among diverse, underserved, and at-risk populations.

Dr. Rao is the chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, and chief clinician experience officer for the University Hospitals Health System. He practices family medicine and leads the medical obesity treatment program. He also serves as division chief of Family Medicine at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. In addition, Dr. Rao is the Jack H. Medalie professor and chairman of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Dr. Tsevat is a general internist, professor of medicine, and Joaquin G. Cigarroa, Jr., M.D., distinguished chair in the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He is director of the Center for Research to Advance Community Health and director of the health science center's Clinical and Translational Science Award KL2 program.

Complete biographies of the new members are available on the Task Force website at <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/about-uspstf/current-members>.

The Task Force is an independent, volunteer panel of national experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine that works to improve the health of people nationwide by making evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services such as screenings, counseling services, and preventive medications.

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