

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

WASHINGTON, D.C. – February 5, 2014 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) today announced the addition of five new members: Karina W. Davidson, Ph.D., M.A.Sc.; Matthew W. Gillman, M.D., S.M.; Alex R. Kemper, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.; Ann E. Kurth, Ph.D., R.N., M.S.N., M.P.H.; and Maureen G. Phipps, M.D., M.P.H.

Like all members of the Task Force, these five experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine have been appointed by the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, with guidance from Task Force leadership, to serve 4-year terms. New Task Force members are regularly appointed to replace those who have completed their terms. This year's outgoing Task Force members include Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D., M.D.; Adelita Gonzales Cantu, Ph.D., R.N.; Glenn Flores, M.D.; David C. Grossman, M.D., M.P.H.; and Wanda K. Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.

“On behalf of my fellow Task Force members, I am pleased to welcome Dr. Davidson, Dr. Gillman, Dr. Kemper, Dr. Kurth, and Dr. Phipps to the Task Force,” said Dr. Virginia Moyer, Task Force chair. “They are all uniquely qualified and will bring diverse clinical and research backgrounds to the work of the Task Force. We look forward to working with them to fulfill our mission of improving clinical preventive care for all Americans. I also extend my gratitude to our outgoing members for their years of service and contributions to the Task Force’s work.”

The new Task Force members bring a wide range of expertise that will help inform the Task Force and its continuing commitment to evidence-based preventive care. Dr. Davidson, a psychologist, has conducted important research in the area of behavioral, psychological, and social influences on disease. Dr. Gillman is a physician with a wealth of expertise in clinical and epidemiological research, focusing on the course of chronic disease through the lifespan and on prevention in childhood. Dr. Kemper, a pediatrician, has extensive experience in prevention and a commitment to improving health care quality through reinforced connections between primary care, specialty care, and public health. Dr. Kurth is a clinically-trained epidemiologist, nurse, and midwife with expertise in the areas of maternal and child health and behavioral epidemiology, with a global health perspective. Dr. Phipps is an obstetrician/gynecologist with expertise in improving health among vulnerable populations and in improving pregnancy outcomes. Full professional biographies for the new members are available on the Task Force Web site at <http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Name/our-members>.

The Task Force is an independent, volunteer panel of national experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine. The Task Force works to improve the health of all Americans by making evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services, such as screenings, counseling services, and preventive medicines. More information on the Task Force is available at www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org.

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