

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Announces Appointment of New Chair

WASHINGTON, D.C. – April 10, 2015 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) today announced the appointment of Albert L. Siu, M.D., M.S.P.H., as chair of the Task Force. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D., M.D., current vice chair, will remain in her position and, as previously announced, David C. Grossman, M.D., M.P.H., will be rejoining the Task Force as vice chair. Dr. Siu was appointed to his position by the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

“I would like to congratulate Dr. Siu on his new appointment,” said immediate past chair, Michael L. LeFevre, M.D., M.S.P.H. “As a long-standing member of the Task Force, his understanding of the Task Force’s mission, his deep knowledge of primary and preventive care, and his commitment to evidence-based medicine have served the Task Force well. I am confident that the Task Force will continue to do important work under his strong leadership.”

Dr. Siu previously served as a member of the Task Force from June 2001 to December 2006 and as vice chair from March 2011 to March 2015. He is the Ellen and Howard C. Katz Mount Sinai Health System chair and professor of the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is also director of the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center at the James J. Peters Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and has served as deputy commissioner of the New York State Department of Health. Dr. Siu serves as a senior associate editor of *Health Services Research*, and his research focuses on the measurement and improvement of functional outcomes in the elderly.

Dr. Siu replaces Dr. LeFevre as chair of the Task Force and will serve a 1-year term. Dr. LeFevre first joined the Task Force as a member in January 2005, later serving as vice chair from March 2011 through February 2014 and chair from March 2014 through March 2015. He became the immediate past chair in March 2015.

“I would like to thank Dr. LeFevre for his service to the Task Force as member, vice chair, and chair,” said Dr. Siu. “The Task Force contributed much to advancing the health of Americans during his tenure. I look forward to continuing his legacy of insightful leadership and dedication to the Task Force’s mission.”

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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