

## U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Announces Appointments of New Chair and Vice Chair

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 14, 2016 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) today announced the appointments of Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D., M.D., M.A.S., as chair and Susan J. Curry, Ph.D., as vice chair. Dr. Bibbins-Domingo and Dr. Curry were appointed to their positions by the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dr. Bibbins-Domingo will assume the role of chair from Albert L. Siu, M.D., M.S.P.H., who will now serve as the immediate past chair.

“I would like to congratulate Dr. Bibbins-Domingo on her appointment as chair,” said immediate past chair Albert L. Siu, M.D., M.S.P.H. “Her commitment to evidence-based medicine, dedication to the Task Force and its mission, and knowledge of primary and preventive care have been an asset to the Task Force. I am confident that, under her strong leadership, the Task Force will continue to make a valuable impact on primary care prevention.”

Dr. Bibbins-Domingo has served as a member of the Task Force since July 2010 and was previously appointed vice chair in March 2014. She is the Lee Goldman, M.D., endowed chair in medicine and professor of medicine and of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Bibbins-Domingo is a general internist, attending physician, and director of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. She is also the director of the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute’s training programs. Dr. Bibbins-Domingo’s research has focused on the epidemiology of cardiovascular disease; racial, ethnic, and income disparities in health; and clinical and public health interventions aimed at chronic disease prevention.

Dr. Curry is joining the Task Force as vice chair. She is currently the dean of the College of Public Health and distinguished professor of health management and policy at the University of Iowa. Dr. Curry’s many professional activities include past service as vice chair of the board of directors of the Truth Initiative (formerly the American Legacy Foundation), member of the National Cancer Institute’s Board of Scientific Advisors, and associate editor for clinical practice for the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) in 2010. Her research focuses on disease prevention and behavioral risk factor modification with a primary focus in tobacco use. Dr. Curry previously served as a Task Force member from January 2009 through December 2014.

“On behalf of my fellow Task Force members, I am pleased to welcome Dr. Curry back to the Task Force in a leadership role,” said vice chair David Grossman, M.D., M.P.H. “Her expertise in disease prevention and her experience with community-based and self-help interventions will be an important addition to the Task Force as we work to improve the health of all Americans.”

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](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org).

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