

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Appoints New Chair and Vice Chair

*Dr. Carol Mangione named as chair; Dr. Wanda Nicholson
returns to Task Force as vice chair*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 17, 2022 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the appointments of Carol M. Mangione, M.D., M.S.P.H., as chair and Wanda K. Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., as vice chair. Michael J. Barry, M.D., will remain in his role as vice chair. Dr. Mangione will assume the role of chair from Karina W. Davidson, Ph.D., M.A.Sc., who will now serve as the immediate past chair.

“I would like to congratulate Dr. Mangione on her new appointment,” said Dr. Davidson. “Her expertise in public health and health disparities, deep understanding of the Task Force, and innovative thinking have significantly advanced the work of the Task Force. I look forward to seeing what the Task Force will accomplish under her leadership.”

Dr. Mangione is the chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research; holds the Barbara A. Levey, M.D., and Gerald S. Levey, M.D., endowed chair in medicine; and is a distinguished professor of medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the executive vice chair for Health Equity and Health Services Research in the Department of Medicine. She is a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Nicholson, who served as a member of the Task Force from January 2009 through December 2013, will now return to the Task Force as vice chair.

“We are pleased to welcome Dr. Nicholson back to the Task Force as vice chair,” said Dr. Mangione. “Her extensive expertise in women’s and maternal health and lifelong commitment to addressing social determinants of health will be very valuable as the Task Force works to reduce health inequities and other effects of systemic racism on health.”

Dr. Nicholson is a tenured professor of obstetrics and gynecology, director of the PoWER (Patient-Centered Women’s Endocrine and Reproductive Health) Program, and director of the Generalist Reproductive Health Fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. She is a member and vice-president-elect of the board of directors of the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology, past chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence Workgroup, and an immediate past member of the executive board of ACOG.

The Task Force also recognizes Dr. Davidson’s tenure on the Task Force, including her leadership as chair.

“On behalf of my fellow Task Force members, we are deeply grateful to Dr. Davidson for her years of service and contributions to the Task Force,” said Dr. Mangione. “We thank her for her outstanding leadership not only in developing our evidence-based recommendations but also in furthering our work in areas fundamental to our mission. She has been critical in shaping and advancing the Task Force’s commitment to addressing systemic

racism in preventive health. I look forward to continuing her legacy of insightful leadership and commitment to shared decision making.”

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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