

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

*Family physician with focus on chronic disease prevention and a leading expert on health disparities join the Task Force*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 14, 2020 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the addition of two new members: Katrina Donahue M.D., M.P.H., and Gbenga Ogedegbe, M.D., M.P.H. Both were appointed to serve 4-year terms beginning in January 2020.

Dr. Donahue’s research focuses on practice redesign of health care delivery, chronic disease care and prevention, health behavior change, and collaborations among public health and primary care. Dr. Ogedegbe is a leading expert on health disparities research and minority health, with a focus on implementation and translation of evidence-based interventions into primary care practices and community settings for management of hypertension and cardiovascular risk reduction in minority populations. Their important work has improved the quality of preventive care delivery among adolescents, adults, and minority populations.

“I am pleased to welcome Dr. Donahue and Dr. Ogedegbe to the Task Force. They each bring a blend of primary care and public health expertise that will be valuable to the work of Task Force,” said Task Force chair Douglas K. Owens, M.D., M.S. “On behalf of the full Task Force, we look forward to working with them to help advance our mission of improving the health of all Americans.”

Dr. Donahue is a professor and vice chair of research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Family Medicine. She is a family physician and senior research fellow at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. She is also the co-director of the North Carolina Network Consortium, a meta-network of six practice-based research networks and four academic institutions in North Carolina.

Dr. Ogedegbe is the Dr. Adolph and Margaret Berger professor of medicine and population health and the director of the Center for Healthful Behavior Change and the Division of Health and Behavior in the Department of Population Health at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine. He is also co-director of the Hypertension Specialty Clinic at Bellevue Hospital.

Complete biographies of the new members are available on the Task Force website at <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Name/our-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 all Americans by making evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services such as screenings, counseling services, and preventive medications.

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