

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

*Experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine join the Task Force*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – November 16, 2016 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the addition of two new members: Michael Silverstein, M.D., M.P.H., and Chien-Wen Tseng, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.E.E. Dr. Silverstein and Dr. Tseng have been appointed by the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to serve 4-year terms.

“On behalf of my fellow Task Force members, I am happy to welcome Dr. Silverstein and Dr. Tseng to the Task Force,” said Task Force chair Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D., M.D., M.A.S. “They both have extensive clinical and research experience in the delivery of primary care and a commitment to ensuring this care is available to all. We look forward to the important perspectives they will provide as we work together to fulfill the Task Force’s mission.”

Dr. Silverstein and Dr. Tseng are practicing clinicians with expertise in primary care, prevention, and evidence-based medicine.

Dr. Silverstein is an associate professor of pediatrics, director of the Division of General Academic Pediatrics, and vice chair of research for the Department of Pediatrics at the Boston University School of Medicine. He is also a staff pediatrician at Boston Medical Center, New England’s largest safety net hospital. Dr. Silverstein’s research focuses on mental health services for children and families. His primary interest is the prevention of depression in at-risk mothers and mothers of vulnerable children.

Dr. Tseng is the Hawaii Medical Service Association endowed chair in health services and quality research, an associate professor, and the associate research director in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. She is also a physician investigator with the nonprofit Pacific Health Research and Education Institute, an affiliate of the Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System. As a family physician, Dr. Tseng’s research focuses on improving quality of health care and lowering financial barriers to care, such as reducing the high cost of drugs for chronic and acute diseases.

Full 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 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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