

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

*Experts in family medicine, evidence-based medicine,
and health disparities join the Task Force*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 12, 2021 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the addition of three new members: Esa Davis, M.D., M.P.H., Li Li, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., and James Stevermer, M.D., M.S.P.H. They are appointed to serve 4-year terms beginning in January 2021.

Dr. Davis has expertise in family medicine, and her research focuses on tobacco cessation, gestational diabetes, obesity during pregnancy, and health disparities. Dr. Li is an expert in primary care and population health, and his research focuses on cancer detection and prevention and racial disparities. Dr. Stevermer’s areas of expertise include evidence-based medicine, guideline development, the translation of research into practice, and rural healthcare. Their work has helped to improve the health of many populations, including children, families, women, and rural populations.

“On behalf of the full Task Force, I am excited to welcome Drs. Davis, Li, and Stevermer to the Task Force,” says Task Force chair Alex H. Krist, M.D., M.P.H. “They all have experience in delivering primary care across the lifespan and are dedicated to addressing health disparities. We look forward to working with them to help advance our mission of improving the health of people nationwide.”

Dr. Davis is an associate professor of medicine and clinical and translational science at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and the director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Tobacco Treatment Service. She is the associate director of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute’s KL2 Scholars’ Program and director of the Career Education and Enhancement for Health Career Research Diversity Program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Li is a family physician and the Walter M. Seward professor and chair of family medicine at the University of Virginia (UVA) School of Medicine. He is also director of population health at UVA Health and leader of the Cancer Control and Population Health program at the UVA Cancer Center.

Dr. Stevermer is vice chair for clinical affairs and professor of family and community medicine at the University of Missouri (MU). He is the medical director of MU Health Care Family Medicine–Callaway Physicians. He is also the medical director for a local nursing home and the county ambulance district.

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

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