



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

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 12, 2015 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF or Task Force) today announced the appointments of David C. Grossman, M.D., M.P.H. as vice chair and Alexander H. Krist, M.D., M.P.H. as a member. Dr. Grossman and Dr. Krist were appointed to their positions by the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dr. Krist’s term began in January 2015, and Dr. Grossman will begin his term in March 2015.

“We are honored to have Dr. Grossman return to the Task Force in a leadership role,” said Task Force chair Michael LeFevre, M.D., M.S.P.H. “His dedication to primary care, prevention, and evidence-based medicine was clear during his term as a member of the Task Force. In addition, the work that Dr. Grossman has done with the Community Preventive Services Task Force will bring important insights about community-level prevention to the USPSTF.”

Dr. Grossman previously served as a member of the USPSTF from January 2008 to December 2013. He is a board-certified pediatrician recognized for his research on injury prevention and Native American health. Currently, Dr. Grossman is a practicing pediatrician at the Group Health Cooperative, a senior investigator at the Group Health Research Institute, and a professor of health services and adjunct professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington. He also serves on the Community Preventive Services Task Force, the public health sister panel of the USPSTF. His current research focuses on innovations to improve the uptake and delivery of clinical preventive services in primary care.

Joining the Task Force as a new member, Dr. Krist is an associate professor of family medicine and population health at Virginia Commonwealth University and an active clinician and teacher in its affiliated Fairfax Family Practice residency program. He is co-director of the Virginia Ambulatory Care Outcomes Research Network and director of community-engaged research at the Center for Clinical and Translational Research. Dr. Krist’s research focuses on implementation of preventive recommendations, patient-centered care, shared decisionmaking, cancer screening, and health information technology.

“On behalf of my fellow Task Force members, I am pleased to welcome Dr. Krist to the Task Force,” said Albert Siu, M.D., M.S.P.H., Task Force vice chair. “His expertise in the areas of clinical implementation of recommendations and shared decisionmaking will be an important addition to the Task Force.”

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.

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