

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

*Preventive health experts in pediatrics and behavioral medicine join the Task Force*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 22, 2019 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the addition of two new members: Michael Cabana, M.D., M.A., M.P.H., and Lori Pbert, Ph.D. Both were appointed to serve 4-year terms beginning in January 2019.

Dr. Cabana and Dr. Pbert have expertise in practice-based primary care research, specifically in pediatrics and behavioral medicine. They have conducted important work that has direct clinical impact on the preventive health of children, youth, and families.

“On behalf of the full Task Force, I am excited to welcome Drs. Cabana and Pbert as they begin their terms and help to advance our mission of improving preventive care for all Americans,” said Task Force chair Sue Curry, Ph.D. “Their experience in clinical prevention and efforts to improve the quality of preventive care delivery will be important contributions to the Task Force.”

**Dr. Cabana** is a practicing pediatrician whose research focuses on understanding and improving the prevention, diagnosis, and management of common childhood conditions. He has extensive research experience with pediatric asthma and has collaborated with more than 120 pediatric practices in national randomized, controlled trials focused on primary care management of asthma.

**Dr. Pbert** is a clinical psychologist and behavioral scientist whose work centers on tobacco use and obesity prevention and treatment, with a focus on youth and families. She has expertise in the development of clinician-delivered, preventive health interventions within primary care settings and integrating preventive health interventions into existing clinical practice.

Complete biographies of the new members are available on the Task Force Web site 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.

Dr. Curry is interim executive vice president and provost of the University of Iowa, where she also serves as a distinguished professor of health management and policy in the College of Public Health. She is also a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Cabana is a professor of pediatrics, epidemiology, and biostatistics and a member of the core faculty at the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He is also chief of the UCSF Division of General Pediatrics.

Dr. Pbert is a professor in the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences, associate chief of the Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine, and founder and director of the Center for Tobacco Treatment Research and Training at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

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