

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

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

WASHINGTON, D.C. – February 13, 2017 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the addition of three new members: Chyke Doubeni, M.D., M.P.H.; Melissa Simon, M.D., M.P.H.; and Michael Barry, M.D. They were appointed to serve 4-year terms beginning in January 2017.

Dr. Doubeni, Dr. Simon, and Dr. Barry are practicing clinicians with expertise in primary care, prevention, and evidence-based medicine. All have conducted important work in patient engagement.

"On behalf of my fellow Task Force members, I am pleased to welcome Drs. Doubeni, Simon, and Barry to the Task Force," said Task Force chair Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D., M.D., M.A.S. "They each bring important and distinct clinical and research expertise that will greatly enhance the work of the Task Force. We look forward to working with them to fulfill our mission of improving clinical preventive care for all Americans."

The new Task Force members bring a wide range of expertise that will help the Task Force continue its commitment to evidence-based preventive care. **Dr. Doubeni's** research has focused on how to improve the process, quality, and effectiveness of cancer prevention and screening, especially colorectal cancer screening, with a focus on racial and socioeconomic disparities. **Dr. Simon's** work focuses on implementation science regarding inclusion and health equity across the lifespan, with the aim of improving engagement between women and their families and their health care teams. **Dr. Barry's** areas of expertise include the evaluation and treatment of prostate diseases, health status measurement, clinical quality improvement, and the use of decision aids to facilitate patients' participation in decisionmaking.

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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