

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

Experts in prevention, evidence-based medicine, and women and children's health join the Task Force

WASHINGTON, D.C. – February 7, 2018 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the addition of two new members: Aaron B. Caughey, M.D., M.P.P., M.P.H., Ph.D.; and Martha Kubik, Ph.D., R.N. Both were appointed to serve 4-year terms beginning in January 2018.

Dr. Caughey and Dr. Kubik are practicing clinicians with expertise in primary care prevention and evidence-based medicine. They have conducted important work in improving the health of many populations, including women, infants, adolescents, and families.

“On behalf of my fellow Task Force members, I am pleased to welcome Drs. Caughey and Kubik to the Task Force,” said Task Force chair David C. Grossman, M.D., M.P.H. “They each bring specialized and distinct clinical and research expertise that will enhance the work of the Task Force. We look forward to working with them to fulfill our mission of improving preventive care for all Americans.”

Dr. Caughey’s work focuses on complications of pregnancy, the timing of delivery, labor management, mode of delivery, gestational diabetes, and prenatal diagnosis. His current research is on the management of the second stage of labor, the impact of guidelines on obstetric care, the prevention of gestational diabetes, and the prevention of wound complications in cesarean delivery.

Dr. Kubik focuses on youth and families and low-income and minority populations. She is nationally recognized in the field of childhood obesity prevention. Her work on advancing the understanding of the school food environment has informed school nutrition policy at national and international levels.

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.

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