

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Announces Appointment of New Chair, Co-Vice Chair

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 19, 2014 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) today announced the appointments of Michael L. LeFevre, M.D., M.S.P.H., as chair of the Task Force and Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D., M.D., as co-vice chair. Albert L. Siu, M.D., M.S.P.H., current co-vice chair, will remain in his position. Dr. LeFevre and Dr. Bibbins-Domingo were appointed to their positions by the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

“I would like to congratulate Dr. LeFevre and Dr. Bibbins-Domingo on their new appointments,” said outgoing Task Force chair, Virginia Moyer, M.D., M.P.H. “Their expertise in primary and preventive care and their commitment to evidence-based medicine have been assets to the Task Force. I am confident they will provide the Task Force with strong leadership.”

Dr. LeFevre has been a member of the Task Force since January 2005 and was previously appointed co-vice chair in March 2011. He is vice chair and director of clinical activities for the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. Dr. LeFevre is a practicing family physician, researcher, and widely published author. He has been invited to present to audiences across the country as an expert in the field. Dr. LeFevre’s research and clinical interests include family medicine, evidence-based medicine, information technology in clinical care, clinical practice guidelines, and preventive services.

Dr. Bibbins-Domingo has been a member of the Task Force since July 2010. She is the Lee Goldman, MD endowed chair in medicine and professor of medicine and of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is a general internist and attending physician at San Francisco General Hospital and is the director of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations. Dr. Bibbins-Domingo’s research is focused on the epidemiology of cardiovascular diseases; race, ethnic, and income disparities in health; and clinical and public health interventions aimed at chronic disease prevention.

Dr. LeFevre replaces Dr. Moyer as chair of the Task Force and will serve a 1-year term. Dr. Moyer served on the Task Force as a member from January 2003 to December 2008 and as chair from March 2011 to March 2014.

“I would like to thank Dr. Moyer for her leadership and dedication as chair,” said Dr. LeFevre. “I am proud of what the Task Force accomplished during her tenure and I look forward to continuing this important work.”

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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