

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

*Experts in primary care, evidence-based medicine,  
and health disparities join the Task Force*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 16, 2025 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the addition of two new members: Alicia Fernandez, M.D., and Ericka Gibson, M.D., M.P.H. Their 4-year terms begin in January 2025.

A national leader in healthcare equity, Dr. Fernandez has conducted extensive research to help improve the health of underserved and vulnerable populations, specifically those facing language and literacy barriers in healthcare. As an obstetrician-gynecologist, Dr. Gibson works to advance maternal health and reduce health disparities. She also has expertise in data analysis and translating clinical literature into evidence-based guidelines.

“On behalf of my fellow members, I am pleased to welcome Drs. Fernandez and Gibson to the Task Force,” says Task Force chair Wanda Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A. “They both bring valuable research expertise, clinical experience providing care across communities, and a dedication to addressing health disparities. I look forward to working together to improve the health of people nationwide.”

Dr. Fernandez is a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), associate dean of population health and health equity, and director of the UCSF Latinx Center of Excellence. A general internist, she practices primary care and hospital medicine at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.

Dr. Gibson is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist with the Southeast Permanente Medical Group at Kaiser Permanente in Atlanta, Georgia. As the physician program director for perinatal safety and quality, she works to ensure that patients receive the highest quality maternity care through data collection, data analysis, program design and implementation, protocol development and dissemination, quality improvement, and safety systems oversight.

Complete biographies of the new members and all Task Force members are available on the Task Force website at <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/about-uspstf/current-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 people nationwide by making evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services such as screenings, counseling services, and preventive medications.

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