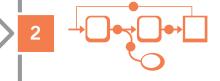
# **USPSTF Recommendations Development**



## **Review Topic Nominations**

- Anyone can nominate a new topic for review at any time.
- USPSTF reviews nominated topics for relevance to and impact on prevention, primary care, and public health.
- USPSTF selects and prioritizes topics for review.



### **Develop Draft Research Plan**

- Once a topic is prioritized for review, USPSTF and an Evidence-based Practice Center (EPC) develop a research plan and seek expert input.
- USPSTF posts the draft research plan to website for public comment.





#### **Review Public Comments & Finalize Research Plan**

- USPSTF and EPC review all comments carefully and revise the research plan.
- USPSTF posts the final research plan to website.



## **Review Evidence & Develop Draft Recommendation**

- EPC analyzes peer-reviewed evidence; develops a draft evidence review.
- USPSTF assesses EPC-gathered evidence, weighing effectiveness and benefits/harms and develops a draft recommendation statement.
- USPSTF posts the draft recommendation statement and EPC evidence review to its website for public comment.





#### **Review Public Comments & Finalize Recommendation**

- EPC and USPSTF consider all comments on the draft evidence review, then EPC finalizes.
- USPSTF considers all comments on the draft recommendation statement, then finalizes
- USPSTF posts the final recommendation and evidence summary to website and publishes in a peer-reviewed journal.