

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Appoints New Chair and Vice Chair

Dr. Alex Krist named as chair; Dr. Carol Mangione returns to Task Force as vice chair

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 17, 2020 – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) announced today the appointments of Alex H. Krist, M.D., M.P.H., as chair and Carol M. Mangione, M.D., M.S.P.H., as vice chair. Karina W. Davidson, Ph.D., M.A.Sc., will remain in her role as vice chair. Dr. Krist will assume the role of chair from Douglas K. Owens, M.D., M.S., who will now serve as the immediate past chair.

“I would like to congratulate Dr. Krist on his appointment as chair,” said Dr. Owens. “As a practicing family physician, Dr. Krist brings an invaluable perspective to the Task Force on the real-life implementation of recommendations. He has spent his career dedicated to bringing evidence-based methods and recommendations into clinical practice, and I am confident he will continue to provide strong leadership in his new role.”

Prior to being named chair of the Task Force, Dr. Krist was a Task Force member from 2015 to 2018 and began serving as vice chair in 2018. He is a professor of family medicine and population health at Virginia Commonwealth University and an active clinician and teacher at the Fairfax Family Practice Residency. He is the director of the Virginia Ambulatory Care Outcomes Research Network and director of community-engaged research at the Center for Clinical and Translational Research.

Dr. Mangione, who served as a member of the Task Force from 2016 to 2019, will now return to the Task Force as vice chair. “We are honored to welcome Dr. Mangione back to the Task Force as vice chair,” said Dr. Krist. “An expert in health disparities, aging, and public health policy, she has made significant contributions to many Task Force topics during her tenure. She is a visionary leader and a catalyst for positive change in healthcare systems.”

Dr. Mangione is the chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research and the Barbara A. Levey, M.D., and Gerald S. Levey, M.D., endowed chair in medicine, and professor of medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She is a professor of public health at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, director of the UCLA Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research, and associate director of the UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute. She is also a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

The Task Force also recognizes Dr. Owens’ tenure on the Task Force, including his leadership as chair. “On behalf of my fellow Task Force members, we are deeply grateful to Dr. Owens for his years of service and contributions to the Task Force,” said Dr. Krist. “He is an excellent leader and his knowledge of guideline development and evidence synthesis have been critical to the development of many of our recommendations. His leadership on our recommendation for Hepatitis C and the new recommendation for PrEP for HIV prevention are but two examples. I look forward to continuing his legacy of insightful leadership and commitment to the Task Force mission.”

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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