



Dear Colleague:

I am writing to seek your assistance in identifying potential candidates for membership of the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care <http://canadiantaskforce.ca/>.

The Task Force is a well-known panel of experts skilled in primary preventive health care, critical appraisal, evidence review methods and the application of evidence in clinical decision making with an international reputation for the development of independent evidence-based guidelines for primary care practitioners. We volunteer our time and expertise for a four-year term to contribute to the development and promotion of these guidelines. The Task Force is the primary source of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in the area of preventive health care in Canada.

Since its re-establishment in 2009, the Task Force has published clinical practice guidelines for primary care practitioners on screening for breast cancer, Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, cervical cancer, depression in adults, prostate cancer, prevention and management of adult and child obesity, screening for cognitive impairment in older adults, colorectal cancer, the pelvic examination, lung cancer, developmental delay in children, tobacco and children, hepatitis C, impaired vision, and, most recently, asymptomatic bacteriuria in pregnancy.

Interested candidates may send their cover letter, résumés and three references to Chantal Plante, Business Manager, Public Health Agency of Canada by e-mail at [chantal.plante@canada.ca](mailto:chantal.plante@canada.ca) before January 30, 2019. A Selection Committee will review these submissions according to the attached criteria and will recommend a candidate for appointment as a task force member to be approved by the Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada and the Executive Director of Professional Development and Practice Support of the College of Family Physicians of Canada to start October 2019.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Brett Thombs, PhD  
Chair, Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care.



### **Qualifications for appointment to the CTFPHC as a member**

- National and international recognition in respective field of expertise
- Knowledge and experience in critical appraisal of peer-reviewed publications
- Knowledge and experience in systematic review methods
- Knowledge and experience in applying evidence to decision-making or policymaking Expertise in disease prevention and health promotion
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate with peers
- No conflict of interest (including financial or intellectual conflicts) that would impair the integrity of the CTFPHC
- Expertise in methodology (e.g., medical decision-making, clinical epidemiology, health economics)

*Adapted from the procedure manual of the US Preventive Services Task Force.*