

HISTORY OF THE Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care

CANADA'S TRUSTED SOURCE FOR **EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL PREVENTION GUIDELINES**

- Pioneered evidence-based methodology to evaluate preventive health care recommendations for clinical practice
 - Transformed approach to valuing objective research evidence over expert opinion
 - Focuses on preventive health care
 - Created standard 'Go to' reference tool ("The Red Brick") for Canadian primary care clinicians and residents
 - Publishes clinical guidelines widely used in primary care on screening for cancer, infectious and chronic diseases
 - Creates range of decision tools supporting decision making for clinicians and patients, with 40+ tools to date
 - Influenced groups in other countries, such as the US, where its methodology is adopted and in use at the national level
 - Internationally recognized for guideline rigor and usability



on new evidence

1994

The landmark Canadian Guide to Clinical Preventive Health Care with recommendations published for 81 conditions. This 1009-page volume, known as "The Red Brick", becomes a standard reference tool for Canadian primary care clinicians and residents.

1980s

The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) adopts the Task Force methodology.



1995

The French version of The Red Brick wins the prestigious Prix Prescrire, from the Paris-based journal Prescrire.



2005

Task Force disbanded

2011-present

To date, more than 20 guidelines published on screening for:

- breast, lung, prostate and other cancers
- hepatitis C
- lifestyle and chronic health conditions such as obesity and tobacco use
- Regularly published, updated and used by primary care clinicians across Canada
- ✓ Emphasis on shared decision-making between clinicians and patients
- 40+ tools created for clinicians, patients and trainees

2009

The Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care is re-established by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Guidelines published in CMAJ.

Protocols and systematic reviews published in Systematic Reviews.

New Initiatives:

- Further engagement of patients and the public in guideline development.
- Outreach and partnerships
- Knowledge translation tools supporting clinical decisions (> 40 to date)

Supported by:







- **Members:**
- Family doctors
- Mental health
- Pediatricians
- Specialist
- professionals
- Experts in evaluating evidence

physicians

Public health specialist

...and more!

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