

**Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care ~ Public Record of Meeting** February 8 & 9, 2021, Virtual Meeting

	Task Force Members:	Additional Participants:	ERSC	KT
	Brett Thombs	РНАС	Julian Little	Sharon Straus
	Ainsley Moore	Elizabeth Rolland-Harris	David Moher	Robyn Beckett
<b>CTFPHC Chairs:</b> Brett Thombs (Chair) Ainsley Moore (Chair-elect)	Scott Klarenbach	Heather Limburg	Jennifer Pillay	Dave Flaherty
	Guylène Thériault	Elspeth Payne	Lisa Hartling	Kyle Silveira
	Eddy Lang	Allana LeBlanc	Andrew Beck	Arthana Chandraraj
	John Riva	Melissa Subnath	Melissa Brouwers	Clara Narcisse-Merveille
	John Leblanc	Laure Tessier	Michelle Gates	Christine Fahim
	Navindra Persaud	Gregory Traversy	Allison Gates	
Task Force Administrators Daniela Cortinovis Julia Nordlund	Heather Colquhoun	Marc Avey	Nicole Shaver	Communications
	Ahmed Abou-Setta	Kate Morissette	Dria Bennett	Kim Barnhardt
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	Christina Korownyk	Yina Shan	Interns	
	Donna Reynolds	Julie Wu	Amanda Tzenov	Task Force Fellows
	Henry Siu	Megan Pople	Pascale Breault	Anthony Train
		Caroline D'Souza	Anthony Train	Keith Todd
		Tiffany Kim	Richard Henry	Pascale Breault
		Catherine Pound		Richard Henry
			Task Force Alumni	
		JGH	Stéphane Groulx	Guest
		Daniela Cortinovis		Emily McDonald
		Julia Nordlund		
	Regrets: Brenda Wilson	 (TF Member), Chantal Plante	(PHAC), Amanda Tzeno	ov (Fellow)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

**Dav One** 

**KEY DISCUSSION POINTS / DECISIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS** 

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Task Force held its February 2021 meeting online via videoconference. Dr. Thombs opened the meeting and Task Force members approved the agenda. Dr. Thombs provided some brief guidelines on the proceedings of this virtual meeting.

Dr. Thombs welcomed new staff of the Task Force including Julie Wu (joining the PHAC team) and Fariha Mosaddeque (joining the KT Team). Dr. Thombs also announced that two new PHAC staff members will be joining in the upcoming weeks/months, Casey Gray will start on Feb. 22 and Chantelle Garritty on April 1. Several PHAC practicum students have joined: Megan People, Caroline D'Souza, Tiffany Kim and Dr. Catherine Pound. Dr. Thombs also announced upcoming departures from the Task Force, including Dr. John LeBlanc (Task Force member - last day is Feb 15<sup>th</sup>), Dr. Heather Colquhoun (Task Force member - last day is June 1<sup>st</sup>), Allana Leblanc (PHAC – last day is February 16<sup>th</sup>), and Julia Nordlund (TFO – stepping away towards the end of February/early March once a new administrator is hired).

Dr. Thombs provided some brief updates on recent Task Force activities and milestones. The Falls Prevention protocol was published (January 2021), the Cervical Cancer protocol was pre-accepted for publication (November 2020), the systematic review for the Child and Adolescent Depression guideline was published (January 2021) and the Chlamydia & Gonorrhea guideline has been submitted to CMAJ and is expected to be published in April 2021. There was also an article recently published by the College of Family Physicians (CFP) about current Task Force guidelines for cancer screening (January 2021).

Dr. Colquhoun thanked everyone and expressed her appreciation for her time with the Task Force. Dr. Thombs explained that Task Force members who leave the Task Force do stay involved in the Working Groups they are already a part of.

## 2. Tobacco Cessation Guideline

Mr. Traversy and Dr. Beck presented updates on the Tobacco guideline, including a refresher on the scope of the guideline and the GRADE tables. The next steps include discussing the development of the evidence to decision framework and developing the guideline recommendation.

# 3. GIN Membership

Dr. Moore provided an update on the Task Force's membership with the Guideline International Network (GIN) (ref: https://g-i-n.net/home).

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#### 4. Lung Cancer

Dr. Klarenbach presented an overview of the scoping work completed by the Lung Cancer Working Group, as well as the decisions made to-date regarding the scope of the Key Questions (KQs).

#### 5. Equity

Dr. Persaud, Ms. Bennett and Ms. Shaver presented on the Equity Working Group's ongoing activities and provided an overview of the preliminary findings of the literature review.

#### 6. Communication Update

Ms. Barnhardt and Ms. Curé presented an update on the recent work of the Communications team and their ongoing initiatives.

#### 7. KT Update

Ms. Beckett, Mr. Silveira and Ms. Merveille from the Knowledge Translation (KT) team provided updates on recent KT activities and initiatives. This update included information on recently published and upcoming guidelines, new and upcoming KT tools, dissemination activities, Task Force projects involving KT and the Task Force Public Advisors Network (TF-PAN) initiative.

#### 8. Verbal Update on Guidelines

The guideline Working Group Chairs provided brief updates for each guideline.

## 9. CVD Update

Dr. Persaud presented an update on the Working Group's work to-date, including current thinking of developing a framework as opposed to a guideline, as well as next steps.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

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**Day Two** 

#### **10. Methods Working Group**

Ms. Subnath presented on the recent Methods Working Group activities.

### **11. Verbal Updates on Guidelines (continued)**

The guideline Working Group Chairs provided brief updates for each guideline.

#### 12. Next Steps and Adjournment

Dr. Thombs thanked everyone for attending. Dr. Thombs also thanked the departing Task Force members, Dr. Colquhoun and Dr. LeBlanc, for their participation in the Task Force, for their leadership, hard work and collegiality. He announced that the next Task Force meeting will take place online again, on June 7-8, 2021.

Dr. Lang provided a brief update on the Preventing Overdiagnosis Conference: the face-to-face event is postponed to June 2022, and there will be virtual event planned for September 2021 (nothing is finalized).

The February 2020 Task Force virtual meeting was adjourned.

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