



The [Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care](#) is seeking to identify candidates for **membership**.

The Task Force is a panel of experts with expertise 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. Members volunteer their 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. The Task Force is also recognized internationally as a leader in evidence-based preventive health care and for the high-quality of its guidelines.

Since its re-establishment in 2009, the Task Force has published many 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, colorectal cancer, lung cancer, tobacco and children, hepatitis C, impaired vision, asymptomatic bacteriuria in pregnancy, thyroid dysfunction and, most recently, esophageal cancer. [Published guidelines](#) and [upcoming guideline topics](#) can be found on the Task Force website.

Interested applicants with experience and skills in any of the areas listed below should highlight them in their application materials.

Applicants must have no substantial conflicts of interest that would impair the scientific integrity of the work of the Task Force and must be willing to complete regular conflict of interest disclosures.

Application material should include:

1. Your current curriculum vitae
2. A covering letter explaining how you meet [qualification requirements](#) and how you would contribute to the Task Force. (See Annex A)
3. Three reference letters that support your application and vouch that you meet the qualification requirements.

Please send your complete application package to Chantal Plante, Business Manager, Public Health Agency of Canada by e-mail at [chantal.plante@canada.ca](mailto:chantal.plante@canada.ca) **before May 31, 2021**. A Selection Committee will review submissions according to the attached criteria. Candidates recommended for appointment will be approved by the Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada and the Executive Director of Professional Development and Practice Support for the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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



## Annex A

### Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care Qualifications

#### Task Force Member Qualification:

- Expertise in disease prevention and health promotion of children and/or adults;
- Experience with systematic reviews, their methodology and their application to clinical decision-making and/or policy;
- Experience in guideline production;
- Ability to be rigorous but open-minded when reviewing and interpreting scientific evidence and associated recommendations;
- Ability to work collaboratively with peers;
- Able to allocate the necessary time to participate actively in the Task Force
- Strongest consideration will be given to individuals who are widely recognized for scholarly leadership within their fields of expertise;
- A background in family practice will be considered an asset

**Members of the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care are appointed for a 4-year term, renewable once.**