

USPSTF Program Staff Biographies



Tracy Wolff, M.D., M.P.H., Scientific Director

Dr. Wolff is the Scientific Director of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Dr. Wolff assists the USPSTF in the formulation of recommendations on preventive services provided in primary care settings. This assistance includes providing oversight of the USPSTF's efforts in translating evidence into guidelines and peer review of the USPSTF systematic evidence reviews and products. She is the lead author on several evidence reviews commissioned by the USPSTF. Over the last 11 years, she has collaborated with the USPSTF in the advancement of its methods for developing evidence-based recommendations, focusing on making recommendation for older adults, challenges in using evidence on intermediate health outcomes, and challenges in making recommendations for diverse populations. Dr. Wolff has received several awards for her work at AHRQ, including the Secretary's Award for Meritorious Service. Dr. Wolff completed a family medicine residency at the University of Maryland and a preventive medicine residency at Johns Hopkins University. She received a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University with emphases on health policy and planning and maternal and child health.



Howard Tracer, M.D., Associate Scientific Director

Dr. Tracer is a Medical Officer for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Prior to joining AHRQ, he practiced clinical endocrinology with the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group and was chief of the endocrinology service for 15 years. During that time, he was also the physician partner to the Kaiser Permanente Care Management Institute for Diabetes and Bone Health. Dr. Tracer's work with the Institute included creating evidence-based clinical guidelines, screening recommendations, treatment algorithms, disease-specific population registries, and monitoring and improving disease-related quality of care measures. During his tenure there, the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group was recognized as one of the top five performing health plans for effectiveness of care in the Southern Atlantic region by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, and the top performing health plan in Maryland by the Maryland Health Care Commission. Dr. Tracer received his Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from Princeton University and his medical degree from the New York University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the New York University-Bellevue Hospital Center and his fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism at the National Institutes of Health.



Lydia Hill, B.S., Program Coordinator

Ms. Hill is the Program Coordinator of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). She served honorably in the U.S. Army for 12 years. She spent 5 years in the Army Reserve working as a legal specialist and court reporter. During active duty, she was an Ear, Nose, and Throat Technician for the Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Service at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She also received certifications in and worked as an Emergency Medical Technician and a Hearing Conservationist. Prior to joining AHRQ, she was a project officer for a cardiovascular disease prevention program with the Henry M. Jackson Foundation. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in business management from the University of Maryland University College.

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Angela Carr, DSocSci, MHA, RN, Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator



Angela Carr has more than 30 years of experience in the healthcare setting. She has worked in various settings, including acute care, developmental disabilities, and long-term care. She spent the last 20 years working in various leadership positions in long-term care, including as the Chief Nursing Officer of a multi-state post-acute care company and as Director of Population Health with the nation's largest skilled nursing facility operator. In addition to her nursing degree, she has a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration from Central Michigan University and is currently a Doctoral candidate in the Prevention Science program at Wilmington University. These educational and work experiences give her expertise in real-world clinical operations, quality improvement, and care transitions best practice.



Megan Hambrick, M.S.W., Program Manager

Megan Hambrick is the Program Manager for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Working closely with the USPSTF Scientific Director, Associate Scientific Director, Coordinator, Medical Officers, Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPC), and Task Force members, Megan manages the day-to-day activities that support the operations of the USPSTF and facilitate the recommendation development process. She serves as the Task Order or Project Officer on grants and contracts related to the USPSTF and AHRQ's Prevention portfolio. Megan first came to AHRQ and HCUP in 2005 through the HHS Emerging Leaders Program. Prior to joining the USPSTF team, Megan worked on the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) managing data acquisition and data dissemination activities, including facilitating use of HCUP data by AHRQ, other Federal agencies, academic researchers, and policy makers. Megan earned her B.A. in Psychology from Trinity College and her Master's in Clinical Social Work from the Smith College School for Social Work.



Sheena Harris, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Officer

Dr. Sheena Harris is a Medical Officer for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Her professional areas of interest include enhancing prevention, child health, and health equity. Prior to joining AHRQ, Dr Harris completed a Preventive Medicine Residency Program at the California Department of Public Health and worked within the COVID-19 response at Sacramento County Public Health. Dr. Harris is a board-certified Pediatrician and was a clinical fellow in Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She received a Bachelor in Science from the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Harris completed her Pediatric Residency at Los Angeles County-University of Southern California and Master in Public Health degree at the University of California, Davis.



Iris Mabry-Hernandez, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Officer

Dr. Mabry-Hernandez is a Medical Officer for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Her professional areas of interest include child health, prevention, and evidence-based medicine. She received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Xavier University of Louisiana and a medical degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Dr. Mabry-Hernandez completed her pediatric residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She is a board-certified pediatrician and completed a general pediatrics fellowship at Johns Hopkins University and a pediatric health services research fellowship at the University of Michigan. She received a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University.

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Justin Mills, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Officer

Dr. Mills is a Medical Officer for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Prior to joining AHRQ, he was a Senior Clinical Advisor for the Health Resources and Service Administration's Bureau of Primary Health Care, where he advised on clinical issues and worked to improve clinic quality in Federally Qualified Health Centers. Dr. Mills is a board-certified pediatrician and previously worked in a small group practice in Salina, Kansas. He received his Bachelor of Arts and medical degree from the University of Kansas. He completed his pediatric residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine—Wichita and received his Master of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health.



Lisa Nicolella, M.A., Writer/Editor, Office of Communication

Ms. Nicolella is a Writer/Editor in the Office of Communications supporting the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). She manages the editorial, production, and publication processes for the USPSTF. Prior to joining AHRQ, she was an Associate Editor in the Practice Standards Division at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and an Assistant Editor at the American Journal of Psychiatry. Ms. Nicolella received a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Master of Arts degree in English from Georgetown University.



Rachel Weinstein, M.Ed., Team Lead, Office of Communication

Ms. Weinstein is a Team Lead in the Office of Communications supporting the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). She provides strategic oversight and guides daily plans for overall communication, material development, stakeholder engagement, and media activities. Prior to joining AHRQ, Ms. Weinstein was Deputy Director of the National Diabetes Education Program at the National Institutes of Health. She has more than 20 years of experience in health education, social marketing, and communication in universities, hospitals, consulting firms, and the Federal Government. Ms. Weinstein has a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and a master's degree in education from the University of Hartford.





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