



AHRQ update

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AHRQ's Mission

- To improve the safety and quality, efficiency and effectiveness of health care for all Americans

US PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE



- *Independent, created by PL, staffed by AHRQ*
- *Recent recommendations:*
 - *Lipid disorders, screening (up to age 20) (I)*
 - *Developmental dysplasia of the hip, screening (I)*
 - *Speech and language delay (I)*
- *Reviews in progress (all updates)*
 - *Newborn hearing screening#*
 - *Hemoglobinopathies screening*
 - *Hypothyroidism, congenital, screening*
 - *PKU screening*

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/cps3dix.htm#pediatric>



New USPSTF Publications on Methods and Commentary on Integrating Clinical and Community Preventive Services Recommendations

- Current processes (Guirguis-Blake, et al., Annals of Internal Medicine, 147, 114-22)
 - <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstf07/methods/currprocess.htm>
- How to read the new recommendations statement (Barton et al., Annals...)
 - <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstf07/methods/methupd.htm>
- Commentary (Ockene, et al.)
 - <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstf07/methods/tfmethods.htm>



EGAPP reports

- Ovarian cancer/genomic testing:
<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/tp/genovctp.htm>
- Depression/Cyp450 testing:
<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/tp/cyp450tp.htm>
- Colorectal cancer/HNPCC testing:
<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/tp/hnpcctp.htm>



Other genetics activities

- Needs assessment ... infrastructure to monitor the utilization and outcomes of gene-based applications in the US healthcare system (in progress)
 - <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/reports/topic.cfm?topic=0&sid=29&rType=2>
- Impact of gene expression profiling tests on breast cancer outcomes (in progress)
- Her2neu (in progress)
- RCT – effects of genetic testing on warfarin dosing (Marshfield Clinic/R01)



New initiatives

- Value-based health care initiative
 - Learning Network of Chartered value exchanges
 - <http://www.hhs.gov/valuedriven/communities/valueexchanges/exchanges.html>
- Potential expansion of comparative effectiveness work
 - MMA
 - <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/>
- Healthcare Innovations Exchange
 - User-friendly information about successful quality improvement initiatives
 - <http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/>
- Watch for new funding announcements



Questions?

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