

## National Commission on Prevention Priorities FAQ

**What is the NCPP?** The National Commission on Prevention Priorities (NCPP) is an advisory body that seeks to improve the nation's health by providing information for public and private decision-makers on high-value, evidence-based preventive and community services.

**What does the NCPP do?** The Commission has guided the Institute's research to rank clinical preventive services (screening tests, counseling services, and immunizations) recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Services are ranked based on their health impact and cost-effectiveness.

**How is it connected to HealthPartners?** Investigators with HealthPartners Institute have worked with the NCPP and its predecessor since 1997 and developed the methodology to rank clinical preventive services for the NCPP. The Institute now will also provide administrative services and contribute to setting strategic direction of the NCPP.

**Why do the clinical rankings matter?** NCPP rankings of clinical preventive services help:

- Medical and public health professional to engage in targeted improvement efforts
- Individuals to know which preventive services are the most likely to benefit them
- Employers to provide high-quality health benefits for their employees; and
- Policymakers to determine where to direct limited resources to improve health.

**What is the NCPP's role in community prevention?** Early work focused on clinical prevention; now the NCPP has expanded to community prevention. In 2014, NCPP oversaw the launch of the Community Health Advisor ([www.CommunityHealthAdvisor.org](http://www.CommunityHealthAdvisor.org)), which helps national, state and county decision-makers assess the benefits of encouraging physical activity and decreasing smoking. The Institute's health economics team did this ground-breaking work.

**What is next for the NCPP?** The Institute is updating the clinical rankings for preventive services and anticipates publishing them in the next year. The NCPP will guide use of those rankings for a variety of stakeholders.

**Who are the commissioners?** The NCPP includes experts in clinical and community prevention who provide guidance for NCPP research projects. They also offer strategic direction for developing and disseminating research results. Eduardo Sanchez, MD, chief medical officer for prevention at the American Heart Association and George Isham, MD, MS, senior advisor for HealthPartners, are co-chairs of an ad-hoc transition working group. Members include representatives from federal agencies, private industry, and nongovernmental organizations.

