

# Commission

## EPI CVSNS PREVENTION SCIENCE COMMITTEE

### **Purpose:**

To provide expertise and a forum to ensure that the science behind the AHA's prevention agenda is sound. This group of experts spanning multiple disciplines will be fully informed of the new scientific developments in the area of prevention and work to translate the science for implementation by a wide range of healthcare providers and cardiovascular and stroke research disciplines. The committee will provide input into the AHA strategic plan related to prevention and identify opportunities to proactively promote prevention of cardiovascular disease and its risk factors using the tools from a variety of clinical and scientific disciplines.

Additionally, the committee will engage with outside collaborators (e.g.: American Society for Preventive Cardiology) in collaboration with other Councils.

### **Membership:**

The Chair will begin with a nomination from the Epidemiology & Prevention Council and the Vice Chair will begin with a nomination from the Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing Council. The rotation will continue in this way on a bi-annual basis.

Chairperson and Vice-Chair are to be appointed by the leadership of the joint Councils (EPI and CVSNS). Other members will consist of individuals from AHA science committees that address prevention as part of their mission. In addition, liaisons from other prevention-minded societies, including but not limited to the American Society for Preventive Cardiology, Preventive Cardiology Nurses Association, and American Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation, will be included and appointed upon approval of the majority of current members of the committee.

### **Method of Selection:**

Chair and Vice Chair of the Prevention Science will be selected by their parent Councils. A Fellow from any of the Councils is eligible to serve in this Leadership role.

There will be approximately 20 committee members, originating from committees that will be sun-setted or reorganized due to overlapping scientific mandates related to prevention.

Over time, the Prevention Science committee leadership may reassess the number of committee members and determine whether the appropriate areas of expertise can be represented with a smaller number of committee members.

Inaugural members will consist of representatives from technical areas of expertise that are currently found with the following existing AHA science committees:

- ATVB/NPAM Clinical Lipidology, Thrombosis & Prevention;
- ClinCard Exercise, Cardiac Rehab & Prevention
- CVSN Nursing Prevention

In addition, Prevention Science committee leadership may want to consider members from prevention-related science committees such as:

- CVDY AHOY
- NPAM Diabetes
- NPAM Obesity
- NPAM Nutrition
- NPAM Physical Activity
- Stroke CVD & Stroke in Women & Special Populations

**Terms of Service:**

Terms shall be for two-years and shall begin and end with the AHA fiscal year (July-June). Terms shall be staggered in such a way as to assure continuity. Members may be eligible for appointment to one additional term.

**Member Commitment:**

The Committee shall meet quarterly or as needed via teleconference, and face to face twice annually in the fall (at Scientific Sessions) and in the spring (at EPI/NPAM Spring Sessions).

When face to face meetings are deemed necessary each council with a representative on the CP will be responsible for travel expenses of their member.

**Responsibilities:**

- To proactively identify opportunities for scientific statements and programming, and drive placement of prevention programming at AHA Scientific Sessions.
- To provide advice regarding topics, content, and experts to serve on writing groups and committees to promote a prevention agenda.
- To represent prevention interests within the AHA and

the strategic plan and to suggest mechanisms to achieve prevention-related strategic goals through both science and advocacy efforts.

- To provide expert information, opinion and advice on population and prevention science, policy and programs to other committees of AHA.
- To act as spokespersons as requested and quickly respond directly to media or to other AHA entities to suggest other experts and spokespersons in prevention science. As spokespersons, promote the AHA strategic goals to the public, and support educational and outreach programs, public affairs, advocacy communications and media relations.
- To ensure representation of prevention activities in all branches of the AHA, the Chair should sit on the AHA Strategic Planning Committee when it is convened and the Vice Chair should sit on the Advocacy Committee.
- Members and liaisons will help identify opportunities to further dissemination of AHA's prevention-related science content and other materials to a wider healthcare and scientific audience