



Effective Health Care

Preventive Health Clinics vs. Usual Care

Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- Preventive health clinics versus usual care is not feasible for a full systematic review due to the limited data available for a review at this time.

Topic Description

Nominator: Individual

Nomination Summary: The nominator requests a comparison of the effectiveness of preventive health clinics versus usual care in promoting systematic preventive health screenings. The nominator states that a clinic where people can get health screening, diet education, smoking and drug intervention, mammography, and other preventive services may be a better model for providing care.

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Population(s): All patients, specific focus on those middle aged or older

Intervention(s): Prevention services provided at a centralized preventive health clinic

Comparator(s): Prevention services provided under usual care

Outcome(s): Improved health care screening rates

Key Questions from Nominator: None

Considerations

- The topic meets EHC Program appropriateness criteria. (For more information, see <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/>.)
- In the United States, preventive care is usually integrated into primary care and occurs primarily through periodic health evaluations. While preventive care is an important aspect of health care, it is unclear how relevant the concept of a centralized prevention clinic is to the US health system. Based on the lack of any reference in the literature to the use of a separate comprehensive preventive care clinic, this topic is not feasible for a systematic review.