



Smoking Cessation Clinical Guideline Update Project

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Dear Harriet:

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You should have received recently a letter providing you with the status of the Smoking Cessation Guideline Update Project. In that letter, I made the initial assignments of the expert panel members to the various subpanels. Now that the panel members have accepted their assignments, I would like to ask each of you to participate in the subpanel meetings as well. During the project for the original Guideline, the contribution of the consortium members to the subpanel meetings and to the final panel meeting were invaluable. I hope that you are willing to participate. As during the original process, I propose that consortium staff serve as active, but non-voting members of the subpanels.

Enclosed please find a subpanel chart with my suggested assignments for consortium members, and for the CTRI staff member who will be assisting the subpanel. Please review this list and confirm your willingness to participate in the process in this capacity.

One last note. AHCPR and I have been approached by representatives from the Veterans Administration, who wish to become involved in the Update. I have requested from them a description of their goals to ensure that their views are consistent with the present consortium. Once we have seen their description, we may discuss with them the possibility that the VA could become a consortium partner. I will keep you informed as this process moves forward. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call me or the Project Director, Brion Fox.

Kindest regards from Wisconsin.

Very Truly Yours,

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