

ANNOUNCING...

2009-2010 Health Policy Residency Rotations U.S. Department of Health and Human Services WASHINGTON, DC

The Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) is pleased to announce continued field placements within:

**The Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research
The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.**

Preventive Medicine and Primary Care residents are eligible.

Applications due Monday, March 2, 2009.



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The Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) is pleased to announce continuing field placements for **Preventive Medicine** (general preventive medicine/public health, occupational medicine, and aerospace medicine) and **Primary Care** residents (with demonstrated interest in public health, prevention, or health policy) at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP).

Financial Support

The following applies to AHRQ and ODPHP residents

There are two and three month rotations available from: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, contingent upon funding. A stipend of \$3000 a month will be paid to the resident, as well as a travel allowance of up to \$250 per month to help defray costs of traveling to the Washington Metro area. An additional administrative allowance of \$750 per month will be made available for the residency program.

All applications must be received by Monday, March 2, 2009.

Apply online: <http://fs7.formsite.com/APTR/form968544934/index.html>
http://www.aptrweb.org/prof_dev/residency.html

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Center for Primary Care, Prevention, and Clinical Partnerships Rockville, MD

As part of the Department of Health and Human Services, AHRQ is the lead agency supporting the work of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). In addition, AHRQ conducts research and collaborates with other agencies and organizations on efforts to improve the delivery of clinical preventive services. The USPSTF is an independent expert panel first established in 1984 within the U.S. Public Health Service with the mission to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of clinical preventive services and to formulate recommendations for primary care clinicians. Clinical Preventive Services (CPS) recommendations on a wide range of topics were issued by the first and the second Task Force in 1989 and 1996, respectively. The third USPSTF is revising and updating recommendations incrementally, grouped under screening, counseling and chemoprevention, giving priority to those topics on which there is new evidence or ongoing controversy – first of these updated recommendations were released starting April 2001.

The clinical preventive medicine rotation at AHRQ gives Preventive Medicine residents an in-depth experience in the process of developing evidence-based recommendations. Residents work closely with AHRQ staff and USPSTF members in a variety of activities: conducting literature reviews of CPS topics; researching information on epidemiology and burden of preventable conditions addressed by CPS; reviewing and editing evidence-based reviews of clinical preventive services prepared by AHRQ Evidence –Based Practice Centers (EPCs); reviewing and summarizing external comments on draft recommendations; researching positions of other organizations; editing and finalizing recommendations and rationale statements. Other projects may involve developing implementation materials for USPSTF recommendations aimed at patients, clinicians, health plans, employers or policy makers. Residents have the opportunity to participate



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in a variety of AHRQ meetings, conferences and seminars, including the USPSTF meetings, as well as didactic teaching and journal club sessions focusing on current issues and updates in clinical preventive medicine and evidence-based research. Additionally, they have the opportunity to propose and participate in intramural research projects on relevant issues of interest. A useful website to learn more about the USPSTF can be accessed using this link: <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstfix.htm>

Selected Projects

For current topics, please see the USPSTF website: www.ahrq.gov/clinic/uspstf/topicsprog.htm.

Current research projects of Preventive Medicine residents include:

- Identifying the time it takes for prevention recommendations to go out of date and the frequency at which they need to be updated
- Defining the composition of high-risk groups used in the USPSTF recommendations and the consistency of this composition across guidelines of different panels and organizations

For More Information

Questions about the rotation experience should be directed to Gloria Washington at AHRQ (Gloria.Washington@ahrq.gov or 301-427-1590).

Questions about the application process should be addressed to Scott Galla of APTR (sbg@aptrweb.org or 202-463-0550, ext. 137).

Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Rockville, MD

This rotation is based at the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), which is within the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS). OPHS is within the Office of the Secretary (OS) and reports directly to the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). ODPHP's mission is to provide leadership for a healthier America by initiating, coordinating, and supporting disease prevention and health promotion activities, programs, policies and information for HHS through collaboration with HHS agencies and other partners in prevention. Through a variety of initiatives housed within and/or coordinated by the office, ODPHP provides the prevention framework for the Nation, leads the Department's prevention communication efforts, and contributes to the developing prevention science base.

Residents will witness the process of federal health policy-making and will be able to consider the potential roles of preventive medicine physicians in this process. Residents may become involved in various ODPHP activities including the areas of health literacy and health communication, prevention policy, nutrition and physical activity guidelines development, childhood obesity, and Healthy People 2020. They will also be expected to participate in ODPHP's policy advisory role by commenting on documents and correspondence reviewed by the office. Residents will be encouraged to attend congressional hearings, meetings of national prevention groups, and meetings of federal prevention-related organizations that occur frequently in Washington.



Selected ODPHP Initiatives

Prevention Framework

- Healthy People 2010
- Healthy People 2020

Prevention Communication

- healthfinder.gov®
- National Health Information Center (NHIC)
- National Health Information Infrastructure (NHII)
- Health Communication and eHealth

Prevention Science

- Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans

For more information about ODPHP, please visit: <http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/>.

More Information

Questions about the rotation experience should be directed to Wendy Braund, MD, MPH, MEd at ODPHP (wendy.braund@hhs.gov or 240-453-8251)

Questions about the application process should be addressed to Scott Galla of APTR (sbg@aptrweb.org or 202-463-0550, ext. 137).



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