



# Prevention Is Key to a Healthy America

Vaccines. Screening tests. Preventive medications. Counseling for healthy behavior. All are clinical preventive services that your health care team can give you. But clinical preventive care works only if the right people get the right care at the right time.

**Is it provided as recommended?**

**42,000**   
**lives saved**

because children get their recommended vaccinations.<sup>1</sup>

**Is it fair?**



**Only 46%**

of blacks—and 67% of whites—get the pneumococcal vaccine advised for *all* seniors.<sup>2</sup>

**Is it safe?**

**950,000+**

men had unneeded prostate cancer treatment after PSA testing was introduced.<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>1</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Ten Great Public Health Achievements—United States, 2001–2010. *MMWR* 2011; 60(19):619–623.

<sup>2</sup>CDC Early Release of Selected Estimates Based on Data from the January–September 2010 National Health Interview Survey, 2010.

<sup>3</sup>Welch HG, Albertsen PC. Prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment after the introduction of prostate-specific antigen screening: 1986–2005. *J Natl Cancer Inst.* 2009 Oct 7;101(19):1325–9.



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