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#### **BIOSKETCH**

Dr. Pignone is Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine at University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. He also serves as the Director of the UNC Institute for Healthcare Quality Improvement. He received his undergraduate degree from Duke University and his medical degree and residency training in primary care internal medicine from the University of California - San Francisco. He then returned to UNC for fellowship training in clinical epidemiology and health services research through the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and his Master's degree in Epidemiology from the UNC School of Public Health. Dr. Pignone's main areas of expertise include heart disease prevention, colorectal cancer screening, and management of chronic illnesses, particularly diabetes and heart failure. He has conducted research examining the role of literacy in physician-patient communication and its effect on health outcomes in patients with chronic illnesses. He has developed and tested interventions to mitigate literacy-related disparities and to improve the use of appropriate preventive services. In 2013, he was appointed to the US Preventive Services Task Force. Dr. Pignone lives in Durham, NC, with his wife and their two children. He enjoys playing and watching basketball, reading, coaching baseball, and listening to many of the Triangle's great local bands.

Michael Pignone, MD, has been awarded Recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance Diabetes Physician Recognition Program.

#### **EDUCATION**

MD, University of California, 1993

#### **BOARD CERTIFICATIONS**

Internal Medicine, 1996; recertification 2006

### **CLINICAL INTERESTS**

Preventive cardiology, cancer prevention, diabetes, heart failure

#### **RESEARCH SUMMARY**

Dr. Pignone's research is focused on chronic disease prevention and treatment and on developing and evaluating tools to support patients' decision making. His areas of interest include colorectal cancer screening and heart disease prevention. He has developed and evaluated disease management programs for vulnerable patients with diabetes and heart failure.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Search the url below using Pignone+M\* as the search criteria. <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/</a>

## **LANGUAGES (Other than English)**

Spanish