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Conference Questions

- What are the key elements of a family history in a primary care setting for the purposes of risk assessment for common diseases?
- What is the accuracy of the family history, and under what conditions does the accuracy vary?
- What is the direct evidence that getting a family history will improve health outcomes for the patient and/or family?
- What is the direct evidence that getting a family history will result in adverse outcomes for the patient and/or family?
- What are the factors that encourage or discourage obtaining and using a family history?
- What are future research directions for assessing the value of family history for common diseases in the primary care setting?