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| AUA Staff Liaison | Alicia Kemp |
| Chair | David F. Penson, MD |
| Terms of Office | Chair – 2-year term (renewable once), based on contract Member – 3-year term (renewable once) |

Committee Makeup

The voting members of the Science and Quality Council shall consist of the chair, approximately 6 members and the chairs of the designated component committees. The chair shall be approved by the Board of Directors for a two-year term (renewable once) and members serve a 3-year term (renewable once). The Health Policy Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member. Component committees include but are not limited to the Practice Guidelines Committee, Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee and Data Committee. (AUAER Bylaws, May 2014)

In addition, every other year a S&Q Fellow is selected in April to serve a 1-year non-voting term (Annual Meeting- Annual Meeting) on the S&Q Council and its subcommittees (PGC, QIPS, Data).

Mission Statement

The Science and Quality Council shall oversee the science, quality and data components of the Association's mission as requested by the Board of Directors. This includes but is not limited to the development, dissemination, and implementation of guidelines, white papers, physician performance measures, patient safety initiatives, registries, and data projects. (AUAER Bylaws May 2014). Additionally, the Council shall provide oversight to the Science & Quality Division.

Component Committees/Work Groups/Panels

Component committees include, but are not limited to: Practice Guidelines Committee, Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee, Data Committee, Electronic Health Records Work Group and Patient Safety Work Group.

Committee Meetings

The Science and Quality Council shall have in-person or conference call meetings either prior to AUA Annual Meeting and in the fall. Contact with committee members via conference calls and email correspondence shall occur throughout the year on an as needed basis. The Council will monitor and provide guidance to S&Q programs to ensure effective and efficient implementation of projects. The Council will review new programs, Guidelines and White Paper topics, etc. and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Council will be part of peer review and approval process for Guidelines and White Papers. The Council will serve as an oversight group for vetting members for various panels and workgroups and coordinating conflicts of interest review with the Judicial & Ethics Committee. The Council shall coordinate with other AUA Councils on Quality and Science issues impacting health policy (e.g., AMA resolutions, Legislative Priorities, reimbursement and regulation, etc.).

Time Commitment

Chair: Approximately 12-15 hours per week
Member: Average of 8 hours per month



Qualifications/ Responsibilities

Chair: The Chair is a compensated contracted position.

Members: Committee members should have an interest in or be directly involved in one (or more) of the subject matters covered by the committees that report to the Science and Quality Council or are part of the AUA's Science and Quality Division's purview: Practice Guidelines Committee; Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee; and the Data Committee.

Recent Accomplishments 2019

AQUA Registry

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the AQUA Registry as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) for four years in a row since 2016.
- 742 providers have reported for 2019 MIPS measures via AQUA.
- 390 providers have received Certificate of Participation by December 2019 for gaining Lifelong Learning (MOC) credit via participating in the AQUA Registry.
- By the end of 2019, data have been integrated into the AQUA Registry from approximately 6.3 million patients with 37.8 million encounter records.

AUA Annual Census

- A total of 5,463 respondents completed the 2019 AUA Annual Census—3,471 of whom were from the United States.
- Results from the AUA Annual Census is available [online](#).

Quality Improvement & Patient Safety

- Workgroup created to author a white paper on non-opioid pain management in urologic practice.
- Information about the AUA Quality Summit is available [online](#).

Guidelines

- A list of recently approved Guidelines and amendments is available [online](#).