American Urological Association
Public Policy & Practice Support

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Chair AUA Public Policy Practice Support
How do I get involved in order to make a difference?

- Numerous ways
  - State society and sectional level engagement
  - Scholarship through the AUA
  - RUC Surveys
  - AUA Census
  - AUA Annual Summit
State Society / AUA Section

• State level
  – Legislative issues
    • Grass roots efforts

• Sectional level
  – Public policy committee
  – Recommend for national scholarship
    • AUA Leadership program
Logan Holtgrewe Fellowship

• Applicants are AUA members who have demonstrated a commitment to or have a keen interest in health policy
• The fellow spends a minimum of 6 weeks away from practice for intensive training
  o Includes participation in the Brandeis Health Policy Program, Alliance of Specialty Medicine Fly-In, Annual Urology Advocacy Summit, and 4-6 weeks in a Congressional office in Washington, DC
• Reimbursement for travel expenses are provided over the course of the year long program

For more information, email Josh Webster at JWebster@AUAnet.org
James Gallagher Scholarship

- Applicants are AUA members who have demonstrated a commitment to or have a keen interest in health policy.
- The scholar will spend up to 30 days away from practice for intensive training:
  - Includes participation in key meetings and conferences e.g., Annual Urology Advocacy Summit, Brandeis Health Policy Program, AMA House of Delegates, RUC.
- A stipend of $15,000 and reimbursement for travel expenses are provided over the course of the year long program.
- Application opens in late Summer; the deadline is mid-October.
  - For more information, email Camille Chilcoat at cchilcoat@auanet.org.
HOW DO RVUS AFFECT PAYMENT?

Work (RVUs x GCPI) + Practice Expense (RVUs x GCPI) + Malpractice (RVUs x GCPI)

TOTAL RVU x CONVERSION FACTOR = ALLOWABLE PAYMENT

GCPI = Geographical Price Cost Indices

Determined by Payors
How can you help?

When an email comes from the AUA requesting participation in the online AUA/AMA RUC Survey:

- If you do the procedure, PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY!
- If you don’t but one of your partners does the procedure, email the AUA and let us know
- AUA will then send an invitation to this urologist to complete the survey.
- For more information, email Susan Crews at susancrews@auanet.org
AUA Annual Census

• Collects meaningful data to bridge knowledge gaps in urology
• First launched in May 2014
  • Launches annually at every AUA Annual Meeting in the spring and remains available online through September
• The AUA only reports aggregate-level data to ensure privacy and confidentiality
  • Results are available online free of charge
  • Participants are incentivized with multiple promotions, such as prize drawings
• For more information:
  • Visit www.auanet.org/census
  • Contact dataservices@AUAnet.org
AUA 2017 Annual Census

Number of Annual Responses

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Annual Urology Advocacy Summit

• Held in Washington D.C. March 12-14 2018
  • Agenda crafted with input from 33 different stakeholders
    • AUA sections, urology subspecialty groups, and patient advocacy groups

• Agenda Highlights
  • 65 total speakers
  • 19 different sessions
  • 15 educational sessions
    • 3.75 CME hours

• 240 Registrants
## Sponsored Young Urologists, Fellows, Residents

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Annual Urology Advocacy Summit
Legislative Asks

• Creation of a Federal Office of Men’s Health
  – Sexual Medicine Society of North America and Men’s Health Network Session
    • Patient testimonial on cancer survivorship

• USPSTF Transparency and Accountability Act (H.R. 539)
  – R Frank Jones and SUO session
    • Health care disparities, active surveillance, patient perspective on psa screening

• Regulatory relief
  – MIPS mitigation and EMR burden
Annual Urology Advocacy Summit
Legislative Asks

• Support Federal Funding for Urologic Research
  – DOD and NIH funding increases
    • NIDDK coordination

• Urologic Workforce Shortage
  – Update from AUA census, utilization of APPs in practice, and women in the urologic workforce
Annual Urology Advocacy Summit

• Approximately 200 targeted Congressional Hill visits
  • Legislative asks – cosponsors added

• Congressional interaction
  • Neal Dunn, MD (R-FL-2) and Raul Ruiz, MD (D-CA-36)
  • Congressman Michael Burgess, MD (R-TX-26)
  • House Veterans Affairs Committee Chair Phil Roe, MD (R-TN-1)
  • Greg Murphy, MD – NC state representative
    – Importance of state-level advocacy
Annual Urology Advocacy Summit
Feedback

“I am fortunate to have discovered a number of new role models in urology from the summit. It left me, and the large contingent of young urologists at the summit, optimistic about the future of our patients and profession.”

“It was such an enlightening and empowering meeting and I look forward to staying involved. Please let me know of other opportunities that residents can be involved in ..”

“I feel like it is the norm to become complacent and apathetic with the future of healthcare but attending the advocacy summit led me to believe that we may be able to shape our future ...”
Annual Urology Advocacy Summit

Future Dates

• **March 4-6, 2019**
  Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

• **March 15-18, 2020**
  Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

[www.AUASummit.org](http://www.AUASummit.org)