Purpose:
Provide guidance for urologists on the integration of advanced practice providers (APP) into the urological care setting.

Focus:
- Current state and federal regulatory environment
- Reimbursement considerations
- Core competency benchmarks for APPs
- Patient satisfaction with the APP-physician team approach
- Proposed models of team-based integrative care

A workforce shortage of 65,000 physicians is projected for both primary care and specialty medicine by 2025.

AUA Whitepaper: Current State of Advanced Practice Providers in Urologic Practice

APPs could meet up to 70% of patient needs in the primary care setting if allowed to practice to the limit of their training.

According to the AUA Census:
- 72.5% of urologists used an APP in their practice

APPs are performing such procedures as: Circumcision, Cystoscopy, Hydrocele Aspiration, Intravesical Botox, Prostate Biopsy, Testopel Injection and Vasectomy

The role of APPs in a urology practice is dependent upon many factors, including:
- Academic vs. private practice
- Large vs. small group
- APP experience
- Facility and practice needs
- Physician comfort level
- State laws

Patients have demonstrated a growing acceptance of APPs in urology.

With clear job descriptions, role delineations, and expectations, specialty practices can successfully incorporate APPs into patient care.

Read more about integrating APPs into the urological clinical care setting as part of the new AUA White Paper