



Science & Quality (S&Q) Summit: Fall 2026 Agenda

Friday, November 13, 2026 – Saturday, November 14, 2026

AUA Headquarters, Linthicum, Maryland

Day 1: Friday, November 13, 2026

Theme: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Science and Quality

7-8 a.m.	<i>Pre-Meeting: Networking Breakfast</i>	
8-9:45 a.m.	<i>Pre-Meeting: S&Q Committee Meetings</i>	S&Q Committee Members
9:45-10 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10-11 a.m.	<i>Summit Welcome & S&Q Future Panel</i>	Peter Clark, MD Michael Sheppard, CPA, CAE, CEO Andrew Harris, MD, MBA Hung-Jui (Ray) Tan, MD, MSHPM Stephen Boorjian, MD Max Bowman, MD
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<i>S&Q Breakthru!</i>	Andrew Harris, MD, MBA Max Bowman, MD
12:30-1:30 p.m.	<i>Keynote/Networking Lunch “QI and HSR as Pathway to Leadership”</i>	Matthew Nielsen, MD, MS David C. Miller, MD, MPH
1:30-3 p.m.	<i>Intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Science & Quality</i>	Peter Clark, MD Dennis L. Shung, MD, PhD Tracy Wolff, MD, MPH Clifford A. Hudis, MD Matthew Mossanen, MD, MPH
3-3:15 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
3:15-4:30 p.m.	<i>From Policy to Practice: Specialty Care, Payment Models, and Outcomes Measurement</i>	David Friedlander, MD, MPH Thomas C. Tsai, MD, MPH Ruchika Talwar, MD, MMHC Clifford Y. Ko, MD, MS, MSHS
4:30-7 p.m.	<i>Networking Reception Dinner & Poster Viewing</i>	Hung-Jui (Ray) Tan, MD, MSHPM



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Theme: Quality Improvement (QI) and Leadership

7-8 a.m.	<i>Networking Breakfast</i>	
7-8 a.m.	<i>S&Q Council Breakfast Meeting</i>	S&Q Council Members
8-9 a.m.	<i>Finding and Removing Pebbles in the Shoe</i>	Andrew Harris, MD, MBA Jonathan Bergman, MD, MPH Eugene Y. Rhee, MD, MBA
9-10 a.m.	<i>Keynote Session: A New Paradigm for Healthcare Quality</i>	Matthew Nielsen, MD, MS Helen Burstin, MD, MPH, MACP, CEO
10-10:15 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:15-11:15 a.m.	<i>Panel: Urologists as Architects of Change</i>	Jennifer Robles MD, MPH Jennifer U. Miles-Thomas, MD, MBA C.J. Stimson, MD, JD Kenneth G. Nepple, MD Anobel Y. Odisho, MD, MPH Anna Zampini, MD
11:15-11:30 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:30-12:30 p.m.	<i>GSM – The Road From PCORI-Funded Research to AUA/SUFU/AUGS Guideline to the FDA Removing a Black Box Warning</i>	David Ginsberg, MD Erin Kirkby, MS Melissa R. Kaufman, MD, PhD Una Lee, MD Mark Edney, MD
12:30 p.m.	<i>Summit Closing</i>	



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APPENDIX: SESSION DETAILS

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10-11 a.m. Summit Welcome & S&Q Future Panel

Speaker	Role	Topic
Peter Clark, MD <i>Wake Forest University</i>	Chair, AUA S&Q Council	Welcome and Vision
Michael Sheppard, CPA, CAE <i>American Urological Association</i>	Chief Executive Officer	AUA Overview & Integration of S&Q Throughout the Entirety of the AUA
Andrew Harris, MD, MBA <i>University of Kentucky</i>	Chair, AUA Quality Improvement & Patient Safety (QIPS) Committee	Overview of the National Urology Quality Agenda (NUQA)
Hung-Jui (Ray) Tan, MD, MSHPM <i>University of North Carolina</i>	Chair, AUA Data Committee	AUA Data Center
Stephen Boorjian, MD <i>Mayo Clinic</i>	Next Chair, AUA Practice Guidelines Committee (PGC)	The Future of Guidelines: Inclusion of Clinical Consensus Statements
Max Bowman, MD <i>University of California, San Francisco</i>	Immediate Past Fellow, AUA S&Q	Connections with Trainees and Residents

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. S&Q Breakthru!

Speaker	Role	Topic
Max Bowman, MD <i>University of California, San Francisco</i>	Immediate Past Fellow, AUA S&Q - Host	S&Q Breakthru Competition
Andrew Harris, MD, MBA <i>University of Kentucky</i>	Chair, AUA QIPS Committee Introduction	S&Q Breakthru Competition



12:30-1:30 p.m. Keynote/Networking Lunch

Speaker	Role	Topic
Matthew Nielsen, MD, MS <i>University of North Carolina</i>	Immediate Past Chair, AUA S&Q Council - Introduction	Keynote Introduction
David C. Miller, MD, MPH <i>University of Michigan</i>	Keynote Speaker Chief Executive Officer	<i>QI and HSR as a Pathway to Leadership</i>

1:30-3 p.m. Intersection of Artificial Intelligence and Science & Quality

Speaker	Role	Topic & Description
Peter Clark, MD <i>Wake Forest University</i>	Chair, AUA S&Q Council Moderator	Moderation of Panel
Dennis L. Shung, MD, PhD <i>Mayo Clinic, American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)</i>	Guest Presenter	Forward Equipped Physicians: AI Enhancement to Accelerate the Mission for Specialty Societies <i>This talk will describe the evolving role and responsibilities for physicians within organized specialty societies to harness AI in improving services to members, mitigating information risk for patients, and accelerating discovery.</i>
Tracy Wolff, MD, MPH <i>National Institutes of Health (NIH), Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS)</i>	Guest Presenter	AI in the Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines from Specialty Societies <i>Summarize the findings from an environmental scan of AI use by specialty societies in guideline development. Share recommendations about what to consider when getting started using AI in guideline development.</i>
Clifford A. Hudis, MD <i>American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)</i>	Guest Presenter	Leveraging New Tools to Keep Guidelines Timely and Relevant <i>This talk will discuss an individual Society's approach to developing, maintaining, and deploying living guidelines in oncology.</i>
Matthew Mossanen, MD, MPH <i>Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH)</i>	Guest Presenter Member, AUA Leadership Class and QIPS Committee	Surgeon-Generated Data, Artificial Intelligence, and Industry Collaboration in Urologic Surgery <i>The talk will include experiences of healthcare leaders working with AI companies and suggest recommendations for working with companies in the future.</i>



3:15-4:30 p.m.

From Policy to Practice: Specialty Care, Payment Models, and Outcomes Measurement

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David Friedlander, MD, MPH <i>University of North Carolina</i>	Member, AUA QIPS Committee Introduction	Introduction of Speakers
Thomas C. Tsai, MD, MPH <i>Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH), American College of Surgeons (ACS)</i>	Guest Presenter	Surgical Care is Primary: Incorporating Specialty Care into Value-Based Care Models <i>A high-level framing of why specialty and surgical care must be incorporated into population health and value-based care strategies, including the policy and organizational implications of doing so.</i>
Ruchika Talwar, MD, MMHC <i>Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC)</i>	Guest Presenter	Ready or Not: What the Next Generation of Bundled Payments Means for Urologists <i>An examination of the evolving bundled-payment landscape and its practical implications for urologists, drawing on Vanderbilt's experience developing episode-based arrangements through direct-to-employer contracting.</i>
Clifford Y. Ko, MD, MS, MSHS <i>University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), American College of Surgeons (ACS)</i>	Guest Presenter	From Registry to Reality: Building the Infrastructure for Data-Driven Surgical Care <i>A discussion of ACS NSQIP, the Surgeon Specific Registry, and emerging efforts to integrate national and community-level surgical registries with electronic health record platforms to support local quality measurement and improvement.</i>



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Andrew Harris, MD, MBA <i>University of Kentucky</i>	Chair, AUA QIPS Committee Introduction	Introduction of Speakers
Jonathan Bergman, MD, MPH <i>University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)</i>	Guest Presenter	Managing the Supply-Demand Mismatch: Value Transformation Across Specialties <i>This session will explore how the eConsult platform can help manage supply-demand mismatches by improving access, streamlining specialty input, and supporting value-based care transformation.</i>
Eugene Y. Rhee, MD, MBA, <i>Kaiser Permanente</i>	President, AUA Board of Directors	From Bugs on the Windshield to Best Practices: Advancing Joy in Work Through Virtualist Care <i>This session will explore how the Kaiser Permanente Virtualist call model supports joy in work by identifying and addressing everyday barriers—or “bugs on the windshield”—that impact care teams. Participants will learn strategies for disseminating best practices and turning frontline insights into scalable improvements.</i>



9-10 a.m. Keynote Session – “A New Paradigm for Healthcare Quality”

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Matthew Nielsen, MD, MS <i>University of North Carolina</i>	Immediate Past Chair, AUA S&Q Council Introduction	Keynote Introduction
Helen Burstin, MD, MPH, MACP <i>Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS)</i>	Keynote Speaker Chief Executive Officer	<i>A New Paradigm for Healthcare Quality: Five Shifts</i>

10:15-11:15 a.m. Panel: Urologists as Architects of Change

Speaker	Role	Topic
Jennifer Robles MD, MPH <i>Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC)</i>	Member, AUA S&Q Council - Moderator	Moderation of Panel
Jennifer U. Miles-Thomas, MD, MBA <i>Northwestern University</i>	Treasurer, AUA Board of Directors	Panelist
C.J. Stimson, MD, JD <i>Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC)</i>	Guest Panelist	Panelist
Kenneth G. Nepple, MD <i>University of Iowa</i>	Guest Panelist	Panelist
Anobel Y. Odisho, MD, MPH <i>University of California, San Francisco</i>	Guest Panelist	Panelist
Anna Zampini, MD <i>Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center</i>	Guest Panelist Member, AUA QIPS Committee	Panelist



11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**GSM – The Road From PCORI-Funded Research to
AUA/SUFU/AUGS Guideline to the FDA Removing a Black Box
Warning**

Speaker	Role	Topic & Description
David Ginsberg, MD <i>University of Southern California</i>	Chair, AUA PGC	Moderator
Erin Kirkby, MS <i>American Urological Association</i>	Director, AUA Guidelines	PCORI-Funded Research and Guidelines Literature Review <i>Overview of how literature searches are done and how we were able to partner with PCORI for this lit search.</i>
Melissa R. Kaufman, MD, PhD <i>Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC)</i>	Guest Presenter	Creation of the AUA/SUFU/AUGS GSM Guideline <i>Review of the experience with this panel, with a focus on the discussion, regarding transvaginal hormone use and guideline recommendations that were made in light of the FDA warnings that were in place at the time of the panel discussion.</i>
Una Lee, MD <i>Virginia Mason University</i>	Guest Presenter	From AUA/SUFU/AUGS Guidelines to Initiating the Removal of the FDA Black Box Warning for Transvaginal Hormones <i>Discussion of the process of how the transition was made from the panel recommendations to starting the process to get the black box warning removed and reaching out to the AUA and working with them to help make this happen.</i>
Mark Edney, MD <i>Chesapeake Urology</i>	Chair, AUA Public Policy Committee (PPC)	How the PPC Supported the Removal of the Black Box Warning for Transvaginal Hormones <i>Highlights of how the PPC interacts to enact policy with a focus on what was done for transvaginal hormones.</i>