Committee Makeup

The Practice Guidelines Committee shall consist of approximately eleven (11) voting members including the Chair. In making appointments, consideration should be given to both representation from the eight geographical sections as well as the required expertise in subspecialty areas.

In the final year of the chair’s term, a chair-elect may be selected to serve one-year as a non-voting member prior to ascending to chair (Note: If the chair-elect is selected from roster of voting members then the individual’s voting rights are retained during the chair-elect year). The Practice Guidelines Committee also has non-voting members that represent areas related to guideline utilization, consisting of the Science & Quality Council Chair, QIPS Chair, Data Chair and the Public Media Chair.

Mission Statement

The committee shall recommend specific itemized indications, guidelines and practice parameters for diagnosis and treatment of various urological conditions or diseases and outline appropriate procedures for subsequent review by the Board of Directors and/or by any other reviewing body that the Board of Directors requests to serve in monitoring this project.

Committee Meetings

One in-person meeting at the AUA Headquarters in the Fall and an additional in-person meeting at the AUA Annual meeting. The Chair and guidelines staff meet twice a month by conference call.

Time Commitment

Chair:  approximately 8-10 hours per week (500 hours per year)
Member:  5 hours per month

Qualifications/ Responsibilities

Chair: The Chair and Members of this committee should have a thorough understanding of Guidelines and the process of creating them. Previous service as a member of a Guideline Panel is preferred. The Chair will recommend specific itemized indications, guidelines, and practice parameters for diagnosis and treatment of various urological conditions or diseases and outline appropriate procedures for subsequent review by the Board of Directors and/or by any other reviewing body, as requested by the Board of Directors. The Chair will have specific interaction including committee membership, as a non-voting member of the Health Policy Council. The Chair is a compensated position (see contract).
Members: Members will assist the Chair in the development of specific itemized indications, guidelines, and practice parameters for diagnosis and treatment of various urological conditions or diseases and outline appropriate procedures for subsequent review by the Board of Directors and/or by any other reviewing body, as requested by the Board of Directors.

Recent Accomplishments 2020

- The Guidelines Department published four new guidelines in 2020; Microhematuria: AUA/SUFU, Advanced Prostate Cancer: AUA/ASTRO/SUO, Disorders of Ejaculation: AUA/SMSNA, and Diagnosis and Treatment of Infertility in Men: AUA/ASRM.

- Four new amendments were also released in 2020; Surgical Management of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia/Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms, Urotrauma, Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer: AUA/ASCO/ASTRO/SUO, and Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer: AUA/SUO.

- The Guidelines Department worked with the IS and Marketing Departments to revamp the Guidelines APP and released the new and improved version in 2020 with additional functionalities.

- The Guidelines Department worked with IS, Marketing, and the Office of Education to release virtual plenary sessions and educational courses for the AUA Virtual Experiences, AUA Summer School and AUA Live.