Update Series Editorial Committee
An Education Council Subcommittee

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Editor  J. Curtis Nickel, MD (Jan 2018-May 2021)

Assistant Editor  E. Ann Gormley, MD (Jan 2018-May 2021)

Terms of Office  3-year term based on calendar year (Jan-Dec); renewable once

Committee Makeup
The Editorial Committee consists of a total of 12 members. The Update Series Editor is selected based on a recommendation from the Education Council and approved by the AUA Board of Directors. The Assistant Editor is selected from the Update Series Committee members with approval from the AUA Education Council.

Mission Statement/Committee Description
Mission Statement: The AUA Update Series is dedicated to presenting timely, concise and focused reviews on topic oriented issues in urology and related fields.

Statement of Purpose: Topics and authors are selected by the Update Editorial Committee which has a broad experience in urology. All manuscripts are peer reviewed by board members with special expertise in urological subspecialties. The primary audience is intended to be the practicing urologist and urology resident in training.

Topics are selected by board members based on the educational needs assessments associated with AUA’s Core Curriculum and the American Board of Urology’s Life Long Learning modules, in addition to surveys solicited from the readership as well as timely subjects in the field of urology.

Committee Meetings
In November 2003, the AUA Board of Directors agreed that the Update Series Editorial Committee may have one resort style meeting to include spouses. A second meeting may take place at AUA Headquarters Facility (without spouses) or be held via teleconference. The timing of each meeting is to be determined by the Editor.

Time Commitment
Editor: Varies based on manuscript receipt.

Member: Varies based on manuscript receipt.

Qualifications/ Responsibilities
Editor: See Contract

Members: Suggest topics/authors and review manuscripts.
Recent Accomplishments 2019

In 2019, the Advisory Board continued to focus on producing lessons to meet the lifelong learning needs of AUA members and the question standards of the American Board of Urology.

Additionally, the Advisory Board focused on enhancing the current Update Series lessons by developing a new author invitation letter and checklist, which includes:

1. Instructing authors to provide clinical practice applications of the topic, based on a critical evaluation of the evidence in the literature.
2. Inviting authors to include videos to accompany lessons on surgical techniques.
3. Asking authors to identify lessons that lend themselves to editorial comment.
4. Requesting authors to consider if the lesson lends itself to a podcast.
5. Requiring authors to include 3 to 5 major takeaways for each lesson that will visibly stand out in the lesson, and encouraging authors to include more illustrations and tabulated data.