AUA Staff Liaison  Raymond Wezik, JD
Chair  Jonathan N. Rubenstein, MD
Terms of Office  Chair: 3 years (renewable once)  Members: 3 years (renewable once)

Committee Makeup
The Chair is appointed by the AUA Board of Directors with input from the Public Policy Council Chair and Public Policy & Advocacy EVP. Members are appointed based upon required expertise and the recommendations of the CRC Chair. The Public Policy Council Chair will serve as ex-officio non-voting member. Additional ex-officio members, as necessary, may be added to the CRC as a result of appointments through related AUA Committees and/or related specialties. Other consultants may be added from the Leadership Class, Gallagher Scholar applicants or someone with special expertise to assist the committee members on coding and reimbursement issues.

Mission Statement
The Committee serves as urology's representative in the area of coding, terminology development and reimbursement. They also seek new and updated codes to ensure accurate identification of urologic diseases and procedures.

Representation
The Committee represents the AUA before the AMA CPT Editorial Panel where these codes are created. Currently, the Chair serves as the CPT advisor. The Committee also represents the AUA before the AMA/Specialty Society Relative Value Update Committee (RUC). The Committee represents the AUA before the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Coordination and Maintenance Committee to ensure proper diagnosis coding for urology. The CRC also meets occasionally with government entities to discuss issues of mutual concern affecting urologic care of our patients and issues affecting Medicare, Medicaid and other insurance carriers.

Committee Meetings
The committee meets 2 times per year in person or virtually (depending on extenuating circumstances). In addition, the committee may meet by conference call in between the face to face meetings. There are multiple conference calls and electronic communications throughout the year.

Time Commitment
Chair: 6 hours per week/ approx 275 hours annually
Member: 50 hours per year
Qualifications/ Responsibilities

Chair: The Chair should have knowledge and information on coding issues, the CPT process, and the RUC process. The Chair ensures the effective completion of the Mission Statement and also serves on the Public Policy Council. The Chair and CPT Advisor are compensated position and are considered “Level 1” in the COI Policy required to divest of significant PhRMA relationships for the term of their position or office.

Members: Should have current expertise on coding issues, the CPT process, and the RUC process. Committee members contribute to the completion of the Mission Statement. Members should also have knowledge on local and national third party insurance reimbursement issues.

Members of the CRC are classified as either a non-voting or voting member. Voting members will vote on any action items or motions brought forward during the Committee meeting. Non-voting members, including consultants, if necessary, do not have voting rights but may contribute to the discussion on coding and reimbursement issues. All members, whether voting or non-voting, will refrain from discussions if there is a conflict of interest (COI).

In an effort to manage potential conflicts of interest, disclosure reports for members of the Coding & Reimbursement Committee are required to list the disease process and/or technology for each relationship with pharmaceutical or medical device companies, speaker bureaus, consultant relationships, clinical trials, patents, ownership interest in a urologic therapeutic area and/or any relationship with any competing company.

Recent Accomplishments 2021

- The AUA gave an E/M webinar, and published a brochure regarding the 2021 E/M CPT code changes
- The AUA guided several CPT codes (including new/revised codes, codes identified through relativity assessment screens, and editorial code changes) through the CPT and RUC processes
- AUA will continue to work (with several other medical specialties) to revise spinal and integrated neuro-stimulation services