



AUA Staff Liaison	Emily Calvert, MSN, RN
Chair	Greg Auffenberg, MD
Terms of Office	Chair: 3 years (non-renewable) Members: 3 years (renewable once)

Committee Makeup

The QIPS Committee consists of the Chair and approximately 12 additional members appointed based upon knowledge and expertise in the subject matter. The Chair recommends committee members. The staff liaison and Chair work to ensure appropriate geographic and practice diversity. The Chair is appointed by the AUA President based on a recommendation from the Science & Quality Council Chair and approval from the AUA Compensation Committee.

Mission & Vision Statements

Mission: To foster quality urologic care through the development of quality improvement initiatives such as developing and testing physician performance measures, addressing important and timely issues of concern to urology, and monitoring federal quality programs and alerting AUA members of these initiatives.

Vision: AUA, as a recognized leader for quality initiatives in urology, will continue to promote the highest standards of urologic care while guarding patient safety.

Committee Meetings

The committee meets twice per year at AUA headquarters (or virtually, depending on the circumstances)--once in the spring and once in the fall. There is email correspondence throughout the year; conference calls are scheduled on an as needed basis.

Time Commitment

Chair: 10-15 hours a week/ approximately 600 hours per year

Member: 30-50 hours per year

Qualifications/ Responsibilities

Chair: The Chair should have the ability to organize and motivate the committee towards common goals and work objectives, have a strong background in quality measurement and improvement, patient safety and health policy overall, and be able to coordinate the activities of the committee with the assistance of AUA staff. The Chair will oversee the committee's work in responding to government and private payer healthcare quality initiatives and direct the AUA Board towards an action plan for responding to public and private quality and safety initiatives. The Chair should also keep abreast of regulatory and legislative issues that could have an impact on quality, safety and related issues, such as payment, in urology practice. The Chair also needs to engage and work with other members and outside organizations (e.g., LUGPA, SUNA, NQF, AHRQ) who have knowledge of this field.



Members: Members should have knowledge of healthcare quality and patient safety issues, including measure development and reporting, federal quality programs, electronic medical records, and quality improvement. Members must be willing to serve on at least one committee panel (such as the Measure Evaluation Panel or E-QIPS Workgroup), and when appropriate, be nominated to national quality or measurement activities.

Recent Accomplishments 2021

- The Engage with Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (E-QIPS) initiative launched; E-QIPS is a repository of community-sourced, peer reviewed, quality improvement projects for the urologic community.
- The Measure Evaluation Panel assessed face validity and reviewed specifications for AQUA measures as part of the 2022 CMS QCDR self-nomination process for the MIPS program.
- The Measure Evaluation Panel welcomed 14 new members, bringing valuable insights from the payer, health system, policy, patient, private practice, and FPMRS perspectives to AUA's measure development efforts.
- Department staff posted the white paper focusing on reducing post-operative opioid prescribing in urology, *Rationale and Strategies for Reducing Urologic Post-Operative Opioid Prescribing*, on the AUA website.
- The department convened the first two parts of a three-part Quality Improvement Summit on palliative care in urology. The two webinars, titled *Building a Primary Palliative Care Model for Urology* and *Perspectives on Increasing the Use of Palliative Care in Advanced Urologic Diseases*, took place in May.
- QIPS members approved a conceptual measurement framework to guide future measure development and maintenance efforts.