



**Terms**

Chair: 3 years (non-renewable)  
Members: 3 years (renewable once)

**Committee Makeup**

The Chair is selected by the AUA President based upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors and the Science and Quality Council. The committee also consists of approximately 12 members recommended based upon required expertise with consideration given to geographic representation and practice diversity. In addition, the Chair of the Science and Quality Council serves as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the committee.

**Vision/Mission/Purpose**

The Data Committee is instrumental in advancing AUA's data agenda and collection strategy, and identifying and prioritizing data and research topics, initiatives, and projects. Members of the Data Committee, in collaboration with AUA staff, research and document the effectiveness and value of urologic procedures in order to improve the practice and profession of urology, patient outcomes, and public health. These data and research efforts help promote evidence-based research among AUA members; create a platform for comparative effectiveness research; and improve the quality of urologic care through meaningful use of data.

**Committee Meetings**

The committee meets twice per year; once in the Spring and once in the Fall. There is email correspondence throughout the year.

**Time Commitment**

*Chair:* 10-15 hours a week  
*Member:* 30-50 hours per year

**Responsibilities**

*Chair:* The Chair will oversee the committee's work in collecting data for the AUA's needs as determined by the Committee and shall direct the AUA Board of Directors towards an action plan when this research should be utilized to protect the practice and profession of urology. The Chair also needs to engage and work with other AUA committees and members to determine the data needs of the AUA and shall be in contact with outside organizations who have knowledge of this field.

*Members:* All members are assigned to one of two subcommittees, AUA Census or AQUA. Both subcommittees require members to: (1) identify, propose, and execute research using AQUA and Census data and (2) support the development of publications, presentations, news highlights, and podcasts to promote and disseminate research findings.

- The AUA Census subcommittee members are also charged with identifying priority topics and reviewing proposed questions to help with the development of the AUA Annual Census.



- The AQUA subcommittee members are also charged with reviewing and identifying ways AQUA data can be used and enhanced to support research.

### Compliance

Committee positions are open to AUA members in good standing. All new members are required to agree to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) when they accept their appointment and agree to annually complete a COI Disclosure Form in accordance with [AUA's COI Disclosure Policy](#). The AUA reserves the right to suspend or remove a member from participation in any AUA activity while the individual is under investigation for a violation of AUA's policies.

### Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Prior experience in using health workforce and/or clinical data is required.
- Demonstrated track record of prior publications in health services, workforce, and/or clinical research is required.
- Prior effort of using data to influence health policy is desired.

### Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

- The Chair should have: (1) the ability to organize and motivate the committee towards common goals and work objectives, (2) experience using health workforce and/or clinical data, (3) participated in the development of publications based on health workforce and/or clinical data, and (4) the ability to coordinate the activities of the committee in collaboration with AUA staff.
- Chairs are chosen from current or past committee members and are selected by the Science & Quality Chair.

### Recent Accomplishments 2024

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the AQUA Registry as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) for the ninth year in a row for MIPS reporting. 1,444 providers are expected to complete MIPS reporting through the AQUA Registry.
- As of August 2024, over 2,400 urologic care providers from 202 practices actively participated in the AQUA Registry. The total number of patients in the AQUA Registry passed 13.1M.
- After a thorough RFP process, Verana Health was selected as the new data ingestion partner for the AQUA Registry.
- Twelve peer-reviewed articles were published based on statistical services projects, AQUA Registry data and/or AUA Annual Census data. The topics covered include burnout in urological education, earlier planned retirement impacts on the urologic workforce shortage, shared decision-making behavior, trends in BPH procedures, and the impact of standardized letter of recommendation on urology residency matching.
- The six research projects selected in the 2024 cycle of the Data Research Program are in the final analysis and abstracts development phase. The AUA received 47 Letters of Intent for 2025 Data Research Program, a 9% increase from 2024, with 17 invited to submit full applications.



- Two Census reports were published in 2024, including the *2023 State of the Urology Workforce and Practice in the United States* annual report and a supplemental AUA Section report.
- Seventeen abstracts were developed and submitted to conferences using the AQUA Registry or AUA Annual Census data.