



**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 hours a week/approximately 60 hours per year  
*Member:*   30-50 hours per year

**Responsibilities**

*Chair:*      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 must be willing to serve on at least one committee panel (such as a publication panel, Quality Improvement (QI) Summit workgroup, the Measure Evaluation Panel, QI Education workgroup, or the HealthEMe workgroup), and when appropriate, be nominated to national quality or measurement activities.

**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

- Knowledge of quality improvement methods and experience performing Quality Improvement/Patient Safety activities
- Completion of formal Quality Improvement/Patient Safety courses or certification highly desired
- Experience in healthcare performance measurement

#### Criteria for Selecting Next 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.

#### Recent Accomplishments 2024

- Committee leadership, in collaboration with the American College of Radiology, completed the Convening on Prostate MRI Image Quality and Fusion Biopsy meeting, at AUA Headquarters on October 26, 2024. Webinars and podcasts will be developed based on the resulting meeting content.
- The department posted a new E-QIPS guide on "Reducing Preventable Emergency Department Visits in Benign Prostate Surgery through Implementation of Self-Irrigation of Catheters".
- The Quality Improvement Issue Brief (QIIB) panel developed the *Indwelling Urinary Catheter Management of the Acute Patient* publication.
- Department staff collaborated with external partners to develop a letter to CMS that included support for the launch of the MIPS Value Pathway (MVP) for Urology in the 2025 Performance Year.
- Staff and a core team of Science & Quality leadership received Board approval the *National Quality Agenda and Strategies for Urologic Practice* as part of a collaborative effort with the American Board of Urology (ABU) to address two new American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) standards designed to foster improvements in care quality.
- The Health Equity Metrics ("HealthEMe") Workgroup was supported by staff, and committee leadership, in efforts to measure and address disparities in urologic care.
- Staff and Science & Quality members co-authored "From Error to Excellence: An Evolving Paradigm for Improving the Diagnostic Process", which was published in the *Journal of Urology*.
- A workgroup consisting of current and former QIPS Committee members developed QI educational material on "how to do QI in urology."
- Committee leadership participated in the S&Q Strategy Session, along with other committee chairs, held at AUA headquarters on September 26, 2024. The resulting recommendations for enhancing future committee meetings were shared during the Fall committee meeting.