



### **Terms of Office**

Editor: 3 years  
Associate Editor: 3 years  
Members: 3 years (renewable once)

### **Committee Makeup**

The Update Series Editorial Committee consists of a total of 12 members. Member appointments are based on expertise in areas of specialization and recommendation of the Update Series Editor with approval of the Education Chair.

### **Vision/Mission/Purpose**

**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 Update Series 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 members based on the educational need 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**

Workload varies throughout the year, estimate below as follows:

*Editor:* 6 hours per week or 250 hours per year

*Associate Editor:* 3-5 hours per week or 200 hours per year

### **Responsibilities**

*Editor:* Duties shall include designation of topics, selection of distinguished urologists to prepare topical updates, and coordination of activities with the AUA Office of Education to produce the content of AUA Update Series volumes.

*Associate Editor:* Duties shall include assistance with topic and author selection and review of manuscripts. Primary responsibility is the review and editing of lesson assessment questions.

*Members:* Suggest topics/authors and review manuscripts.



### **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**

- Expertise in a urologic specialty area, such as endourology, urologic oncology, pediatric urology, male infertility and andrology, female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery, etc.
- Excellent organizational and written communication skills are required to review and edit lessons within editorial timelines.
- Experience on the ABU Exam Committee is prioritized but not mandatory.
- So that the AUA is in compliance with ACCME Standards, Members of Office of Education committees are not permitted to have financial relationships with ineligible companies (formerly commercial interests) that the ACCME would deem to be that of an owner or employee. Owners are defined as individuals who have an ownership interest in a company, except for stockholders of publicly traded companies, or holders of shares through a pension or mutual fund. Employees are defined as individuals hired to work for another person or business (the employer) for compensation and who are subject to the employer's direction as to the details of how to perform the job.

### **Criteria for Selecting Next Editor**

The Associate Editor serves a three-year term and succeeds the current Editor as the completion of his/her term. The Associate Editor must be a current or past editorial committee member and is selected by the current Editor with approval of the Education Chair. The Associate Editor should be a nationally recognized accomplished urologist, and must have exceptional organizational, communication and leadership skills. Previous experience on the ABU Examination Committee or similar question writing experience is highly recommended.

### **Recent Accomplishments 2024**

Developed 40 high quality lessons to support the life-long learning needs of AUA members. A special effort was made to develop content focused on the clinical practice application of the available evidence within each lesson.