



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

### Committee Makeup

The committee also consists of approximately 12 voting members recommended based upon required expertise with consideration given to geographic representation, practice diversity, and scientific expertise.

Non-voting members include the the Science and Quality (S&Q) Council Chair, Practice Guidelines Committee Chair, Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Committee Chair, the S&Q Fellow, and one Resident/Fellow member.

### 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 record use, comparative effectiveness, and value of urologic care as well as the state of the urologic workforce 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 virtually in the Spring and once in-person in the Fall. The Census and AQUA subcommittees meet virtually in the Fall and additional meetings are scheduled throughout the year as needed. 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, and will also participate in the Data Research Grant Program review panels. Both subcommittees require members to: (1) identify, consult, propose, and execute research using AQUA and Census data; (2) support the development of publications, presentations, news highlights, and podcasts to promote



and disseminate research findings; (3) serve on the scientific review group for the Data Research Grant Program; (4) complete and promote the AUA Annual Census; and (5) attend the Fall and Spring Committee meetings and assigned subcommittee meeting.

- 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.
- The Chair will select leads for each of the 3 subcommittees (AQUA, Census, and Data Research Grant Program) from the voting members who will work closely with the Chair to coordinate and support the activities of each respective subcommittee.

### 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 is selected by Science & Quality Council Chair in consultation with the Chief Science Officer.

- 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 2026

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the AQUA Registry as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) for the tenth year in a row for MIPS reporting. Over 1,400 providers are expected to complete MIPS reporting through the AQUA Registry. As of August 2025, over 2,000 urologic care providers from 181 practices actively participated in the AQUA Registry. The total number of patients in the AQUA Registry passed 11M, and we completed a successful transition to Verana Health as the new data ingestion partner for the AQUA Registry.



- Over 4,100 respondents completed the 2025 AUA Annual Census and two Census reports, [State of Urology Workforce and Practice in the United States 2024](#) and [Practicing Urologists in the United States by AUA Section](#), were released. Three *AUANews Inside Tract* podcasts based on AUA Census trends were released including [The Evolving Urology Workforce](#), [Prior Authorization and the Cost of Delay](#), and [Why Urologists are Choosing Fellowships](#).
- The AUA Data Research Program (DRP) awarded six recipients in 2025, including three based on Census data and three based on AQUA Registry data. For the 2026 DRP award cycle, 40 letters of intent were received with 16 invited to submit a full application and three AQUA projects funded.
- Fourteen abstracts were accepted and presented at AUA2025 and several peer-reviewed articles were published based on AQUA or Census data.