



Terms of Office Chair: 3 years (non-renewable)
 Members: 3 years (renewable once)
 Non-Voting Resident or Fellow: 2 years (non-renewable)

Committee Makeup

The QIPS Committee consists of the Chair, approximately 12 voting members, and 9 non-voting members. The AUA President appoints the Chair based on a recommendation from the Science & Quality Council Chair.

Non-voting members include the Science & Quality Council Chair, Data Committee Chair, Practice Guidelines Committee Chair, the Science & Quality Fellow, a Resident/Fellow.

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: 200 -250 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 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, QIPS Education workgroup, podcast participation), and when appropriate, be nominated to national quality or measurement activities.



Compliance

Positions on Councils, Committees, Editorial Boards and Practice Guidelines Panels are open to AUA members in good standing. All members must agree to abide by *AUA's Committee Policies & Procedures* (see *AUA Participation Terms & Conditions* documents located under My Committees Section of the [myAUA](#) webpage). These documents include the requirement to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) and annually complete a Conflicts of Interest (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 policy violation.

Criteria for Selecting New Members

Voting members are selected based upon knowledge and expertise with QI methods and experience performing QI/patient safety activities using the criteria provided below:

- Knowledge of QI methods and experience performing QI/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 2025

- QIPS members and department staff formally introduced the AUA's [National Quality Agenda and Strategies for Urologic Practice](#) to the membership through an [AUA News article](#) and an *Inside Tract* [podcast episode](#) featuring AUA's Secretary and Science & Quality Council Chair.
- A subset of QIPS members and department staff developed the [Joy in Work: Burnout as a Threat to Quality in Urologic Care](#) Quality Improvement Issue Brief (QIIB) and released an accompanying *Inside Tract* [podcast episode](#).
- Department staff, in collaboration with committee leadership:
 - Developed a [meeting summary](#), [toolkit](#), and a [podcast episode](#) based on the 2024 QI Summit (Advancing Diagnostic Excellence in Prostate Cancer— Improving Prostate MR Image Quality).
 - Launched the QIPS Insights podcast series, which highlights innovative QI and patient safety work.
- Department staff, with feedback from committee leadership:
 - Provided [comments](#) on the Quality Payment Program portion of CMS's PY2026 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Proposed Rule.
 - Achieved CMS Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) status for the AQUA Registry for 2026.
- Department staff presented a [webinar](#) focused on MVPs (Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Value Pathways), the newest reporting option to fulfill CMS MIPS reporting requirements.
- A workgroup consisting of current and former QIPS Committee members published the [Quality Improvement \(QI\) Project Guide](#) and released four accompanying *Inside Tract* [podcast episodes](#).