



# Measure Evaluation Panel

## Background

The American Urological Association (AUA) is committed to helping our members improve the quality of care they provide to their patients. To accomplish this objective, the AUA develops and maintains urologic-specific healthcare performance measures; operates a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (AQUA), which is designed to support quality improvement activities and enable participation in CMS quality payment programs; promotes various quality improvement and patient safety initiatives; and provides educational resources related to performance measurement and quality improvement.

In 2019, the AUA formed the Measures Evaluation Panel (MEP), which operates under the direction of the Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (QIPS) Committee. Inaugural membership of the MEP included a subset of QIPS members, along with other AUA members with subject matter expertise in measure development, informatics, and health services research. To respond to evolving technical, programmatic, and implementation issues related to the performance measurement enterprise, the AUA has decided to broaden the expertise and perspectives provided by the MEP by adding 5-8 new members.

## Panel Charge and Participation Requirements

The MEP will provide input and assistance in the maintenance and testing of current AUA measures, as well as guidance for future measure development efforts. Specific activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Reviewing detailed measure specifications and providing clinical and/or technical input to update or revise measures as needed
- Prioritizing measures and measure concepts for potential inclusion in AQUA
- Participating in face validity assessments of measures
- Providing advice on measure testing approaches
- Advising on issues related to measure implementation, including integration into EHRs and clinician workflow
- Providing guidance on the specification of digital quality measures
- Providing both strategic and concrete input on measure prioritization and future measure development efforts
- Providing clinical insight to support uptake and use of measures
- Responding to internal and external queries related to measure specifications
- Providing input as needed on the development of AUA policy/position statements and comment letters

MEP members are appointed to an initial three-year term, with a one-time renewal option. The time commitment for the MEP is highly variable, with relatively more involvement



anticipated during the spring, summer, and early fall timeframe. The majority of the MEP's work will be accomplished via e-mail and webinars; in-person meetings at AUA headquarters have not been ruled out, but are unlikely in the near term. Candidates should be willing to provide timely responses to e-mails and participate in all scheduled meetings. AUA staff will ensure that meeting dates/times are feasible for the majority of members.

### Preferred Expertise and Composition

The AUA is seeking physician or non-physician nominees with experience and/or expertise in the following:

- Clinical expertise in female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery
- Primary care expertise
- Private practice experience (solo, small group, or large group)
- Payer, purchaser, and/or health system perspective
- Patient perspective: previous or current urologic condition
- Measurement and/or improvement science, measure development and testing, and/or measure implementation

Nominees with subject matter expertise in more than one of the above areas will be given preference in the selection process. The AUA will endeavor to ensure representation from a variety of stakeholder backgrounds and perspectives. All nominees will be asked to complete conflict of interest disclosures as part of the nominations process.

### Application Requirements

The AUA welcomes both self-nominations and third-party nominations. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve as described above.

To nominate an individual to this committee, please submit the following information:

- A brief statement of interest in the work of the panel, and description of nominee experience/knowledge relevant to the panel
- A short biography
- Curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) up to 20 pages

Please e-mail these materials to [quality@auanet.org](mailto:quality@auanet.org), using the subject line "**Nomination for Measure Evaluation Panel**".

The deadline for all nominations is **6:00pm ET on Wednesday, June 30, 2021**.

### Questions

Please contact Karen Johnson at [kejohnson@auanet.org](mailto:kejohnson@auanet.org), with any questions.