



<b>AUA Staff Liaison</b>	Bhavika Patel, MPH, CPH
<b>Chair</b>	Anurag Das, MD
<b>Terms of Office</b>	Chair: 3 years (renewable once) Members: 3 years (renewable once)

### **Committee Makeup**

The Chair is appointed by the AUA Board of Directors with input from the Public Policy Council Chair and Public Policy & Advocacy EVP. Members are appointed based upon required expertise and the recommendations of the CRC Chair. The Public Policy Council Chair will serve as ex-officio non-voting member. Additional ex-officio members, as necessary, may be added to the CRC as a result of appointments through related AUA Committees and/or related specialties. Other consultants may be added from the Leadership Class, Gallagher Scholar applicants or someone with special expertise to assist the committee members on coding and reimbursement issues.

### **Description**

The Committee serves as urology's representative in the area of coding, terminology development and reimbursement. They also seek new and updated codes to ensure accurate identification of urologic diseases and procedures.

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

The Committee represents the AUA before the AMA CPT Editorial Panel where these codes are created. Currently, the Chair serves as the CPT advisor. The Committee also represents the AUA before the AMA/Specialty Society Relative Value Update Committee (RUC). The Committee represents the AUA before the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Coordination and Maintenance Committee to ensure proper diagnosis coding for urology. The CRC also meets occasionally with government entities to discuss issues of mutual concern affecting urologic care of our patients and issues affecting Medicare, Medicaid and other insurance carriers.

### **Committee Meetings**

The committee meets 2 times per year in person or virtually (depending on extenuating circumstances). In addition, the committee may meet by conference call in between the face to face meetings. There are multiple conference calls and electronic communications throughout the year.

### **Time Commitment**

*Chair:* 6 hours per week/ approx 275 hours annually  
*Member:* 50 hours per year



### Responsibilities

**Chair:** The Chair ensures the effective completion of the Mission Statement and also serves on the Public Policy Council. The Chair and CPT Advisor are considered “Level 1” in the COI Policy required to divest of significant PhRMA relationships for the term of their position or office.

**Members:** Members of the CRC are classified as either a non-voting or voting member. Voting members will vote on any action items or motions brought forward during the Committee meeting. Non-voting members, including consultants, if necessary, do not have voting rights but may contribute to the discussion on coding and reimbursement issues. All members, whether voting or non-voting, will refrain from discussions if there is a conflict of interest (COI).

In an effort to manage potential conflicts of interest, disclosure reports for members of the Coding & Reimbursement Committee are required to list the disease process and/or technology for each relationship with pharmaceutical or medical device companies, speaker bureaus, consultant relationships, clinical trials, patents, ownership interest in a urologic therapeutic area and/or any relationship with any competing company.

### Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Expertise in coding issues, Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) process, and the American Medical Association's Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC) process.
- Knowledge of local and national third party insurance reimbursement issues

### Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

The Chair should have knowledge and information on coding issues, the CPT process, and the RUC process. This is a compensated position. Chairs are chosen from current or past committee members and are selected by the Public Policy Chair.

### Recent Accomplishments 2023

- The AUA gave a 2024 CPT and E/M Coding Update for Urology webinar regarding the 2024 CPT and E/M code changes
- The AUA guided several CPT codes (including new/revised codes, codes identified through relativity assessment screens, and editorial code changes) through the CPT and RUC processes. Most notably, the AUA created four new Category III CPT codes for the insertion and removal of neurotibial stimulators. The AUA (with several other medical specialties) continued to work to refine prostate biopsy services