



AUA Staff Liaison	Emily Calvert, MSN, RN
Chair	Greg Auffenberg, MD
Terms of Office	Chair: 3 years (non-renewable) Members: 3 years (renewable once)

Committee Makeup

The QIPS Committee consists of the Chair and approximately 12 additional members appointed based upon knowledge and expertise in the subject matter. The Chair recommends committee members. The staff liaison and Chair work to ensure appropriate geographic and practice diversity. The Chair is appointed by the AUA President based on a recommendation from the Science & Quality Council Chair and approval from the AUA Compensation Committee.

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: 10 hours a week/ approximately 60 hours per year

Member: 30-50 hours per year

Qualifications/ Responsibilities

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. 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 (e.g., LUGPA, SUNA, NQF, AHRQ) who have knowledge of this field.



Members: Members should have knowledge of healthcare quality and patient safety issues, including measure development and reporting, federal quality programs, electronic medical records, and quality improvement. Members must be willing to serve on at least one committee panel (such as a publication panel, QI Summit workgroup, the Measure Evaluation Panel or the E-QIPS workgroup), and when appropriate, be nominated to national quality or measurement activities.

Recent Accomplishments 2023

- Measure Evaluation Panel members provided input on AQUA measures specifications as part of the 2024 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) self-nomination process for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) program.
- The department convened the Quality Improvement Summit, Tackling Telehealth: Improving Quality and Access by Integrating Virtual Care in Urology, at AUA Headquarters on December 2, 2023.
- The department held the 2023 E-QIPS Residents and Fellows Competition. Three competition winners had the cost of their AUA Annual Meeting registration covered.
- The department convened a webinar targeted to the AUA Practice Managers Network on an E-QIPS guide, *Fighting Frustration: Using Lean Methodology to Increase Clinic Efficiency*.
- The Quality Improvement Issue Brief (QIIB) panel developed the *Indwelling Urinary Catheter Management of the Acute Patient* publication.
- Department staff collaborated with external partners develop and submit a draft MIPS Value Pathway (MVP) for Urology to CMS.
- Staff and a core team of Science & Quality leadership drafted the *National Quality Agenda and Strategies for Urologic Practice* as part of a collaborative effort with the American Board of Urology (ABU) to address two new American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) standards designed to foster improvements in care quality.
- Staff has assembled a workgroup and facilitating the ongoing efforts that will focus on two AUA Board-approved recommendations to identify and address disparities in urologic care. A workgroup consisting of current and former QIPS Committee members have begun efforts to develop QI educational material on “how to do QI in urology.”