

**Staff Liaison**      Nicole Ramey

**Chair**                Akanksha Mehta, MD

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

**Committee Makeup**

The Committee is comprised of the Chair, and 5 other members. When seeking necessary expertise, diversity in terms of geography, race/ethnicity, gender, age, whether a health care provider’s experience is with a community practice or academic institution or a particular patient subpopulation, shall be taken into consideration, especially when these factors affect risks and outcomes in patients.

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Public Education Health Committees is to serve as consultative bodies, working with the Foundation patient education team, to help guide strategic direction for patient education development and outreach as well as serve as a resource for the development, review and oversight of the Foundation patient education materials.

**Committee Meetings:**

At least two meetings annually via a teleconference or web conferencing system. Email correspondence as required on specific projects.

**Time Commitment**

Depending on the priorities set for the year, time commitments can vary significantly. Developing materials can take longer than reviewing and updating, so note that the below numbers are averages.

*Chairs:* 5 to 10 hours a month

*Members:* 3 to 6 hours a month

**Qualifications**

Committee Chairs and Members must have expertise in Reproductive & Sexual Health. Members should be collegial, vibrant, deadline dependable, efficient, knowledgeable about various their respective health topic. They should have a willingness to make meetings and conference calls a priority, be willing to serve on Expert Panels as needed and promptly produce a requested project.

**Responsibilities**

*Chairs:*

- Serves ex-officio on the PEC and advises the Council on matters in their specialty area
- Assist in developing an action plan for their respective Health Committees
- Working with the Foundation staff, ensure all action items related to said Committee are completed by designated deadlines
- Report to Council progress on initiatives and projects related to their committee's topic

*Members:*

- Set priorities for the development of initiatives and products related to their committee's topic
- Serve as a resource for the development, review and oversight of public educational information
- Serve as a liaison between advocacy and patient organizations when needed

**Criteria for Selecting Next Chair**

Chairs are chosen from current or past committee members and are selected by the Public Education Council Chair. The Chair and Chair-elect are selected based on expertise, diversity in terms of geography, race/ethnicity, gender, age, whether a health care provider's experience is with a community practice or academic institution or a particular patient subpopulation. Chair-elects will be chosen during the last year of the current Chair's term so they may have one year to serve while shadowing the existing Chair.

**Recent Accomplishments 2023**

- Updated content and designs of more than 20 existing patient education materials about testicular cancer, vasectomy, peyronie's disease, premature ejaculation and testosterone therapy to include translations in multiple languages
- Contributed to the development of industry-funded projects to include sexual health contributions to a special issue of UrologyHealth extra® magazine about Navigating Prostate Cancer.