



**AUA Staff Liaison** Dan Kulp, PhD

**Editor** J. Stephen Jones, MD

**Terms of Office** Operates on calendar year (January – December)  
Editor: 3 years (renewable once)  
Section Editor: 3 years (renewable once)  
Member: 3 years (renewable once)  
Online Content Editors & Online Assistant Editors: 3 years (renewable once)

### **Committee Makeup**

The UPJ Editorial Board shall consist of the Editor, one Associate Editor, and four Section Editors (subject area experts). The editorial board members (non-voting) include Online Content Editors and Editorial Committee members.

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

To provide the urological community and the medical profession at large with timely peer-reviewed clinical and scientific contributions in urology that stimulate and expand practice and research activities, ultimately impacting on excellence in patient care.

### **Reporting**

The UPJ Editor reports to the AUA Board of Directors, who set the overarching strategic goals for the editor. However, the Editorial Board retains oversight of the peer review process and the editorial selection of submissions to be published in the Journal, with no input from the Board of Directors.

### **Editorial Board Meetings**

The Board meets four times per year, once per quarter. The Board will meet in person at the Annual Meeting and by videoconference for the other three meetings.

### **Time Commitment**

Editor:	15 hours per week	Online Content Editor:	1 hour per week
Associate Editor:	12 hours per week	Editorial Committee Members:	2 hours per week
Section Editors:	12 hours per week		

### **Qualifications/ Responsibilities**

The UPJ Editorial Board is responsible for publication content oversight. The Editorial Board assists the Editor in establishing editorial policies and strategies and in managing the peer review process.

**Editor** The Editor directs the publication of UPJ and is responsible for its general management. The Editor makes recommendations pertaining to improved dissemination of this high-impact journal



focused on the advances of urology research. The overarching objective of this position is to maintain the highly regarded editorial integrity of the journal while implementing publishing innovations that keep UPJ relevant and a premier medical practice journal. The Editor oversees an editorial board, including Associate, Section, and Online Content Editors and an editorial committee, on matters of editorial policy and recommends nominees for all editorial appointments to the journal. The Editor also partners with the AUA Publications Department staff to coordinate editorial and operational activities of the journal. The Editors of all of the AUA's scholarly publications are expected to convene with each other and the Publications Committee to analyze scholarly publishing threats and opportunities, ethical concerns, and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

The Associate Editor shall serve as Acting Editor in the absence or incapacity of the Editor.

#### **Criteria for Selecting Next Editor**

Openings for the *Urology Practice Journal* (UPJ) Editor are announced every six years at the webpage [AUAnet.org/UPJEditor](http://AUAnet.org/UPJEditor). A job description highlighting the qualifications is posted on that site. The next search will begin fall of 2024. The UPJ Editor is selected by a Board Search Committee.

#### **Recent Accomplishments (2023)**

*Urology Practice*<sup>®</sup> was indexed by the National Library of Medicine in 2023, and all articles since its initial publication in 2014 are now indexed. Since achieving this milestone, original submissions have nearly tripled, and UPJ received its first ever Journal Impact Factor. In the year ahead, UPJ will continue to focus on expanding the global reach of this publication.