

# AUA Patient Perspectives Program Abstract Submission

## What is the AUA Patient Perspectives Program?

The AUA (American Urological Association) Patient Perspectives Program is an opportunity for patients and/or patient advocates to address the disparities that may exist between urological professionals' recommended treatment plans and patients' quality-of-life preferences. Some may say there is a patient-physician disconnect when discussing urologic care.

While physicians, and other urologic healthcare professionals, strive to create treatment plans utilizing the best available scientific and evidence-based medicine, those plans may be out of alignment with a patient's personal life choices and values. As a result, healthcare professionals (HCPs) may appear out of touch with quality-of-life related matters that a patient wants to discuss.

The AUA Patient Perspectives Program is an opportunity for patient advocates and urologic healthcare providers to improve communication and seek to close the gap between best medical treatment practices and patient quality-of-life considerations.

Research into the patient-perspective on urological diagnostic testing, medicinal and surgical treatments, health equity, clinical trial barriers, or follow-up care is an invaluable teaching tool in helping physicians and other HCPs to better understand the needs of their patients. Needs that often go beyond simply applying best clinical practices and standards of care.

The AUA invites you to submit your research as an abstract submission in our new "Patient Perspectives" category.

## What type of information should I include in my Patient Perspectives submission?

- Research on patient-specific urological health issue
- Your experience receiving care/treatment for a urological condition
- Description of best practices as determined between patient and physician
- Any obstacles encountered between healthcare provider's standard treatment practice and patient feasibility/quality-of-life concerns
- Provide insights or ideas as possible solutions for improving overall quality of care from the patient's perspective

## Who is eligible to submit an abstract?

A urologic patient, or caregiver, is eligible to submit an abstract. A caregiver is defined as a non-healthcare provider, such as a loved one/family member, spouse, or friend/neighbor. The primary author must be a patient currently living with a urologic health issue, a survivor of urologic disease, or a caregiver as defined above.

The primary patient author may use the assistance of a co-author that is a healthcare professional or advocate representing an advocacy organization. However, the co-author must disclose their relationship to the primary patient and explain how they have contributed to the abstract. Only the primary patient/caregiver author will be awarded the opportunity to attend the AUA2021 Annual Meeting should their abstract be selected.

## What content is acceptable for an abstract submission?

Submissions should meet one of the following criteria:

- Address the question: "What adaptations did you and/or your healthcare team adopt to better care for your health?"
- Describe how you became more engaged in healthcare
- Demonstrate an idea that was put into practice, and how the idea resulted in improved quality of life

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Interventions with exercise, diet, or lifestyle
- Use of complementary therapy (not medication specific)
- Enhanced communication to impact your patient care
- Examples of engagement with the health professional team
- Patient advocacy/research
- The impact social media and/or support groups have made on your care or quality of life
- Other adaptations made by you and your healthcare team that you think other physicians and urology professionals should know more about

## What content is not acceptable for an abstract submission?

- Medication-specific or therapy-specific interventions
- Work that has been accepted for publication as a manuscript (e.g., full-length article, brief report, case report, concise communication, or letter to the editor, etc.) before the patient abstract submission deadline
- Multiple submissions may not be submitted by the same patient author
- Pharma and device-specific medications/drugs and treatments are not eligible

Submissions accepted for the AUA Patient Perspectives Program will not be accompanied with CME credit and will not be published in *The Journal of Urology*.

## How many patient abstracts will be selected and what is required of the patient presenters?

8-10 Patient abstracts will be chosen by a review committee represented by patient advocates and healthcare professionals. The primary author of the chosen abstracts will be selected to attend the AUA2021 Annual meeting, September 10-13, 2021 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The primary author of selected abstracts will be asked to create a poster from the abstract. AUA will provide some support in this process. The posters will be displayed in the Science and Technology Hall during exhibiting hours at the AUA Annual Meeting. The primary author will have an opportunity to field questions about their final displayed poster and interact with AUA attendees, Health Care Providers and Patient Advocates.

## Meeting Logistics & Activities

The AUA Patient Perspectives Program posters aims to encourage interaction between the presenter and the medical experts about patient perspectives. It provides educational opportunities for patients, patient advocates, and HCPs, thereby intending to close the gap by improving communication and changing perceptions on both sides. This will ultimately lead to better treatment and adherence as well as better outcomes through shared decision-making.

- The primary author of selected abstracts will receive editing support to create a poster from their abstract. The poster will be displayed at the AUA2021 Annual Meeting
- Final Posters will be electronically accessible and displayed at a designated location in the Science and Technology (S&T) Hall, alongside the Patient Advocacy Connections Program for heightened visibility throughout the meeting
- Final Posters will also be accessible post-Annual Meeting for up to three months on the American Urological Association's Annual Meeting website, [AUA2021.org](http://AUA2021.org)
- The chosen patient poster will receive a prize for best poster (prize TBD). Each presenter will also be given the opportunity to be interviewed for future publications and activities
- Selected presenting authors will receive:
  - Hotel Accommodations (2 nights) at the Venetian, standard hotel room
  - Round-trip flights
  - Meals for one person - breakfast, lunch, dinner (Up to 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners for winner not exceeding a total of \$90 per day)
  - Miscellaneous travel expenses up to \$100 in total
  - Assistance with final editing of the poster for presentation

**Note: Only the primary patient author will be eligible for these benefits and be invited to travel to the AUA2021 Annual Meeting.**

If the primary patient author has special needs or cannot attend the meeting, we ask that the participant provide us with 60-day advance notice for these requests. In the current pandemic environment, your health and safety are of the utmost concern to us and we will make every effort to accommodate your requests.

### **Will participating in this program prevent me from participating in other AUA programs at the Annual Meeting?**

No, participation in the Patient Perspectives Program will not preclude you from participating in other programs at/during Annual Meeting

### **AUA Patient Perspectives Program Abstract Submission Guidelines**

#### **Preparation of Abstracts**

- Size: The size of the abstract is limited to 2,280 characters not including spaces. This includes title, body of abstract, tables and graphics.  
Tables = 225 characters per table  
Graphics = 225 characters per graphic
- Body of Abstract: The body must contain four separate paragraphs:
  - a. Introduction & objectives (state the objective of your research)
  - b. Materials & methods (describe the material and methods you used)
  - c. Results (summarize the results presenting sufficient details to support the conclusions reached)
  - d. Conclusion

#### **Topic Ideas**

Topic ideas include but are not limited to:

- Health equity
- Prevention
- Screening
- Clinical trial barriers
- Follow-up care as an invaluable teaching tool in helping physicians and other healthcare professionals to better understand the needs of their patients.
- Needs that often go beyond simply applying best clinical practices and standards of care

#### **Timeline**

Abstract Submission Opens

#### **2021 Deadlines**

April 5

Abstract Submission Closes	June 11 at 6pm EST
Chosen Patient Abstracts Announced	July 16
Patient Abstract – Final Poster Editing, Layout & Review	July 19 - August 20
Final Presentation at AUA2021	Sept 10-11

**Contact**

For any other questions or concerns regarding the Patient Perspectives Program, abstract submission process, or guidelines, please email the AUA at [speakers@auanet.org](mailto:speakers@auanet.org).