American Urological Association Names Dr. J. Stuart Wolf, Jr. First Science and Quality Council Chair

Linthicum, MD, March 18, 2014 – The American Urological Association (AUA) today announced its Board of Directors has approved J. Stuart Wolf, MD, FACS as chair of its newly created Science & Quality (S&Q) Council. Dr. Wolf currently holds the position of chair for the AUA’s Practice Guideline Committee.

This new Council will provide dedicated staff, resources and physician oversight to data projects, guideline initiatives and quality activities. The S&Q Council chair will work collaboratively with the Health Policy Council chair.

“During this time of transformation, there is no better person to lead the Science & Quality Council than Dr. Wolf,” explained AUA President Pramond Sogani, MD, FACS, FRCS(C), attending surgeon at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, professor of clinical urology at Weill Medical College of Cornell University and adjunct professor of clinical urology at SUNY Downstate in New York. “He is a proven leader with extensive knowledge of science and quality matters as well as evidence-based medicine, and has the ability to bring people together to accomplish any task.”

As part of his new charge, Dr. Wolf will be responsible for shaping and executing the broad science, quality and data elements of the Association’s mission. This includes developing, disseminating and implementing clinical data registries, evidence-based guidelines, patient safety and quality improvement initiatives, physician performance measures and white papers. These accomplishments will be attained through his support and oversight of the following S&Q Council committees and work group: Data Committee, Practice Guidelines Committee, Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Committee and the Electronic Medical Records Coordination Work Group.

“Dr. Wolf is clearly well prepared to lead the Science & Data Quality Council and he has the unanimous support of our Board,” said AUA Treasurer and presiding officer of the S&Q Chair Search Committee, Steven M. Schlossberg, MD, MBA. “The Board took the thoughtful approach to his appointment that our members, partners and affiliates expect and deserve.”

Since becoming an AUA member in 1998, Dr. Wolf has chaired the AUA Practice Guideline Committee as both chair and vice chair and served as a member on the AUA Health Policy Council, Public Media Committee and Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Committee as well as a consultant to the Data Committee. He is currently the David A. Bloom professor of urology and associate chair for surgical services at the University of Michigan’s Department of Urology.

About the American Urological Association: Founded in 1902 and headquartered near Baltimore, Maryland, the American Urological Association is a leading advocate for the specialty of urology, and has more than 20,000 members throughout the world. The AUA is a premier urologic association, providing invaluable support to the urologic community as it pursues its mission of fostering the highest standards of urologic care through education, research and the formulation of health policy.

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