



Staying true to our mission of being The Voice of Urology in Canada

The CUA continues to be The Voice of Urology in Canada. Our members have made it clear that advocacy should be a primary role of our association.

Over the past year, the CUA Advocacy Committee, led by Chair, Dr. Fred Saad, and past-Chair, Dr. Hassan Razvi, along with the Health Policy Committee, led by Chair, Dr. Troy Sitland, have worked to develop the CUA's first advocacy tool — our surgical wait times document.

This document, to be published in an upcoming issue of *CUAJ*, suggests maximum acceptable wait times for the most common urologic surgeries. It was created based on data and input provided by several CUA affiliate groups, including Pediatric Urologists of Canada (PUC), Canadian Endourology Group (CEG), Functional and Reconstructive Urology Society of Canada (FRUSC), and Canadian Uro-Oncology Group (CUOG), as well as the CUA Community Urology Committee. We hope this working document will help our urologists advocate for improved and timely patient care access.

Additionally, in line with our advocacy efforts, the CUA initiated a Urology Awareness campaign in September to engage with national and provincial government officials. We continue to hold meetings with Members of Parliament in Ottawa to ensure the CUA plays a prominent role in healthcare decision-making and understands its impact on our profession.

The second wave of our membership census has concluded, with an impressive response rate of almost 50%, making it the highest level of engagement in our 80-year history. The census results and the state of urology within Canada will be published at the end of the current year. This updated information about practicing urology in Canada, as well as the implementation of essential changes derived from the 2022 census, will equip the CUA with real-time information to continue our advocacy efforts and make an impact on our members and their patients.

Finally, our association will continue to engage with primary care to increase awareness on prostate cancer screening, evaluation of hematuria, and other common urologic issues.

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