



Moving forward: Advocacy for our patients and the specialty

One of the key objectives of the CUA's most recent strategic plan is to continue and reaffirm our position to be *The Voice of Urology in Canada*. In keeping with this commitment, the CUA has taken an increasingly active role in advocacy — both for our specialty and, most importantly, for the optimal care of our patients.

Under the leadership of Dr. Hassan Razvi, who has resumed the role of Chief Advocacy Officer, the CUA continues to build on the great work by Dr. Fred Saad in his two-year tenure as Chair. With the expertise of our advocacy partner, IMPACT Public Affairs, we are navigating Canada's complex health policy environment to ensure that the perspectives of urologists are heard at the national level.

As part of this mandate, the CUA recently participated in a national, multispecialty review of the Canadian Task Force on Preventative Health Care (CTFPHC) and its clinical guideline development process. On September 16, 2025, a press conference was held at the Parliamentary Press Gallery in Ottawa to emphasize the importance of transparent, evidence-based guidelines developed with input from clinical experts. Dr. Rodney Breau, Chair of the CUA Guidelines Steering Committee, represented our association and spoke eloquently to underscore the urgent need to update prostate cancer screening guidelines and ensure meaningful involvement of urologists in their development.

In parallel, and with the support of one of our valued corporate partners, the CUA launched a PSA Screening Learning Program designed to help urologists educate primary care physicians. An unrestricted educational grant is supporting the independent, CUA-developed modules and providing logistical support for our urologists to facilitate their delivery across Canada.

The CUA is also actively supporting Quebec physicians by releasing a formal statement

expressing our concerns over Bill 2. This proposed legislation represents an unprecedented intrusion into the professional and contractual rights of physicians and risks inflicting lasting harm on the foundation of patient care. **You can view our official press release at <https://www.cua.org/whats-new>.**

Additionally, over the past year, the CUA has published two significant reports that reinforce our advocacy efforts.

The first, "*Maximal Wait Times for Urologic Surgery in Canada – 2024*," serves as a vital barometer for healthcare providers, policymakers, and health authorities to identify gaps in timely surgical access and drive improvements in patient care.

The second, a comparative census of practicing urologists (2022 vs. 2024), provides valuable insights that will guide discussions with licensing bodies, accrediting organizations, and policymakers. The longitudinal data will also help shape the development of future new CUA educational programs for our members.

In addition, a new census of residents and fellows has recently been completed, with results to be presented at the upcoming CUA Annual Meeting in Saskatoon. These data will enhance our understanding of workforce trends and training needs in Canadian urology.

Finally, under the leadership of Dr. Premal Patel, Chair of the Health Policy Committee, we are compiling provincial data on fee codes to evaluate tariff structures in light of inflation and streamline the process for introducing new codes across jurisdictions.

Through these initiatives — and many more on the horizon — the CUA remains steadfast in its advocacy mission. Together, we will continue to champion the interests of our specialty and advocate for the care of our patients, while strengthening the voice of urology in Canada.

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