



Committee Descriptions

NAPCRG is a dynamic organization that aims to meet the current needs and priorities of its membership and the community of primary care research scientists. As such, NAPCRG relies on the energy of its membership in the form of Committees to plan and execute annual programming, recruit, and elect leadership, propose and develop new initiatives and communicate about activities and priorities with the membership, governmental agencies and other stakeholders. Below are brief summaries of NAPCRG's committees as of January 2024. Frequency of meetings varies by committee and committee chair's preferences, but a volunteer should expect to meet at least quarterly, with some meeting more often depending on the tasks and availability of the membership. Committee leadership is allowed two consecutive terms, while there is no cap on Committee membership, more generally.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee oversees administration of the NAPCRG Awards Program by soliciting and evaluating nominations from a diverse array of constituents and selecting recipients. It also oversees the Awards Presentation at the Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON ADVANCING THE SCIENCE OF FAMILY MEDICINE (CASFM)

The mission of CASFM is to promote and actively contribute scholarship that advances the science of family medicine for the betterment of patients and their communities. It assures that the development, translation, and implementation of new knowledge rapidly becomes part of the fabric of family medicine through internally led writing initiatives such as white papers and manuscripts. CASFM has six work groups:

- Complexity Science (CS)
- Health Information Technology (HIT)
- Medical Education (ME)
- Participatory Health Research (PHR)
- Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN)
- Research Methods (RM)

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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

It is the Governance Committee's responsibility to select and submit nominations to the Board for open leadership positions, orient new appointees to their roles and responsibilities, review proposed new and modified bylaws and make recommendations back to the Board and propose new initiatives that address issues of high priority to the policy and governance of the organization for Board consideration. One current focus of governance committee efforts is to ensure that the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion underpin all aspects of NAPCRG operations such as recruitment, leadership, programmatic content, among others.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The mission of the International Committee is to provide and help implement strategic planning that supports NAPCRG's commitment to being an international organization. This includes outreach beyond the US and Canada to all nations. Research is a core component of primary care clinical practice and education. Therefore, NAPCRG strives to support all nations in prioritizing and funding primary care research. In accordance with NAPCRG's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, NAPCRG welcomes primary care researchers from all nations to present new knowledge and research advances in primary care at the NAPCRG Annual Meeting and to engage in other NAPCRG activities.

PaCE COMMITTEE

The purpose of PaCE is to develop a robust community of patients and primary care providers with knowledge of patient-centered outcomes research in primary care to inform NAPCRG's efforts to improve patient outcomes. Too often, community partners in health research consist of health professionals and organizational leaders. The PaCE Committee exists to identify and give voice to our patients and partners in research who are the "non-usual suspects" – people who are not necessarily medical or public health professionals, who are not aligned with a particular professional or personal research policy agenda, and whose local influence is defined within the context of the community versus job titles or credentials. The committee is charged with bringing patient and partner suggestions relevant to improving patient experience and NAPCRG work back to the Board, and to helping design and implement new initiatives related to PaCE program efforts where appropriate.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE – ANNUAL MEETING

The committee is responsible for the academic part of the program and makes decisions on various details of the meeting. The Program Committee selects and invites plenary speakers and reviews submissions with high scores to select distinguished and extended papers. They also help establish the format of the Annual Meeting, for example changing ratios of posters to oral presentations depending on the venue and the number of submissions. Where the reviewers have given a low score or there is a discrepancy, the Program Committee reviews the abstracts and decides which will be accepted.

RESEARCH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The Research Advocacy Committee's purpose is multifaceted and includes the following activities:

- Provide tools, training and resources for NAPCRG members to use in their own advocacy work at the local, state and national levels
- Disseminate primary care research advocacy messages to key federal, state/provincial public policy leaders.
- Identify and build strong partnerships with organizations around collaboration, sponsorship, funding and/or support for NAPCRG's efforts.
- Promote primary care research opportunities to define the direction of primary care research.

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TRAINEE COMMITTEE

In 2018, NAPCRG established The Trainee Committee to give a voice to the newest members of the primary care research field. The Trainee Committee hosts virtual sessions to engage trainees around high priority topics in primary care research and provides career pathway support for those interested in pursuing primary care research. The committee is also charged with bringing ideas and suggestions to the Board relevant to improving the trainee experience at NAPCRG.

