

AAPM&R Quality & Research: Empowering and Guiding PM&R

In 2026, the Academy continues to advance its commitment to demonstrating the value of PM&R through quality initiatives, evidence and data-driven resources. As healthcare continues to evolve, physiatrists must be able to demonstrate both clinical impact and value. AAPM&R's Quality & Research initiatives are leading the way by connecting research, clinical guidance, quality measurement, and data strategy to strengthen the specialty and improve patient outcomes.

AAPM&R Quality & Research Strategic Coordinating Committee

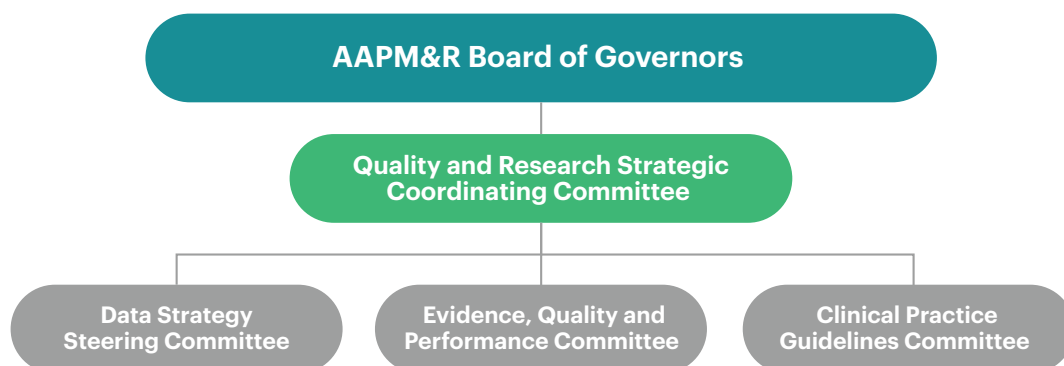


The Quality and Research Strategic Steering Committee met on May 29 and 30 at AAPM&R headquarters in Rosemont, IL.

Left to Right: Andrew H. Gordon, MD, PhD, FAAPMR Chair of Evidence, Quality, and Performance Committee, James A. Sliwa, DO, FAAPMR, Chair, Quality and Research Strategic Steering Committee, John C. Cianca, MD, FAAPMR, President, AAPM&R (on screen), Berdale S. Colorado, DO, MPH, FAAPMR, Chair, Clinical Practice Guideline Committee, Monica Verduzco-Gutierrez, MD, FAAPMR, Abby L. Cheng, MD, FAAPMR (on screen), Mark E. Huang, MD, FAAPMR, Chair, Data Strategy Steering Committee, Christopher J. Garrison, MD, MBA, FAAPMR, and Christopher Lewis, MD, FAAPMR.

Under the Quality and Research Strategic Coordinating Committee are three committees:

QUALITY AND RESEARCH GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



Quality & Research Committees

- **Quality & Research Strategic Coordinating Committee (Q&R SCC)**
Provides strategic oversight and alignment across all Quality & Research initiatives to advance evidence, quality and value in PM&R.
- **Data Strategy Steering Committee (DSSC)**
Leverages data to answer key clinical and policy questions, demonstrate PM&R's value and guide future research efforts.
- **Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee (CPG)**
Evaluates and promotes evidence-based clinical guidelines relevant to PM&R practice.
- **Evidence, Quality, and Performance Committee (EQPC)**
Develops clinical guidance, quality resources, patient safety initiatives, and oversees the Academy Liaison Program to advance PM&R representation within national quality and healthcare organizations.

Featured Quality & Research Initiatives

- Develop clinical guidance and implementation tools
- Advance research on PM&R outcomes and value
- Strengthen data strategies to support evidence and advocacy
- Promote evidence-based practice through clinical practice guidelines
- Support quality improvement and patient safety initiatives

Visit Quality & Research-related education sessions throughout Annual Assembly:

- **Local Coverage Determination (LCD) – Ready Measurement & Documentation for Spasticity and Dystonia – What Every Provider Needs to Know**
Friday, November 13, 1:30-2:45pm (ET)
- **Evidence-Informed Use of Platelet Rich Plasma for Knee Osteoarthritis: Applying the New AAPM&R Clinical Guidance**
Friday, November 13, 2-3pm (ET)

Visit your Academy Liaisons at the Career Corner booth during the following dates/times:

- Friday, November 13 from 12:30-1 pm (ET) with Robynne Braun, MD, PhD, FAAPMR

Explore Resources, Guidance and Opportunities to Get Involved

- **Check out the Quality & Research Homepage**
- **Clinical Guidance & Resources**
Access current guidance, endorsed guidelines and implementation tools.



Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in getting involved? Apply for a Quality & Research committee or participate in the Academy Liaison Program to help advance quality, evidence and PM&R leadership.

- Committee volunteer opportunities are promoted via PhysForum.



- Learn more about getting involved in the Liaison program here:



Questions?

Email us at quality@aapmr.org.