



“Research” Committee TERMS OF REFERENCE

“The Endourological Society, as a global organization endeavors to achieve a widely diverse committee membership including international representation”

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Term: 3-year term

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Purpose: • To help members of the Endourological Society facilitate and improve high quality and impactful research in the area of minimally invasive surgery in the genitourinary system.

Committee Members: The committee will consist of a Chair as well as eight additional members with broad representation of endourology, laparoscopy, robotics and focal therapy, including international members.

Objectives:

- To facilitate high quality research in all areas in our field on an international level by Providing:
 - 1) centralized infrastructure for data reporting
 - 2) combining resources from individual institutions that will help complement research to further the entire society
 - 3) communication and introduction services to place like-minded investigators together who may have never met otherwise to perform like-minded research
- Be a liaison with Industry Partners who are looking for high quality researchers to partner with to perform research.
This will be done by maintaining a database within the society of clinicians, surgeons, basic scientists, mathematicians and interested individuals and their specific interests.

Responsibilities:

- Members will be elected by the society and serve a term of up to 3 years.
- Members will be expected to attend >60% of all committee meetings
- Identify (both researchers and Industry) for research opportunities and to assist in fundraising to carry out this research
- An attempt will be made to choose members from all facets of our society (e.g. stones, robotics, oncology, focal therapy, benign enlarged prostate, etc.)
- the member will report to the Chair of the committee
- Members will help prepare the quarterly reports to the Board and Executive
- The Chair is responsible for providing a report to the Board of Directors biannually (or when needed).

Committee Meetings: • The Research Committee will meet at the WCET Annual Meeting, with interim meetings at the discretion of the committee Chair.