



NAPCRG Committee Descriptions

NAPCRG is a dynamic organization dedicated to addressing the evolving needs and priorities of its members and the broader primary care research community. To achieve this, NAPCRG relies on the energy and engagement of its members through its committees, which plan and execute annual programming, recruit and elect leadership, propose and develop new initiatives, and communicate activities and priorities to members, governmental agencies, and other stakeholders.

Below are brief summaries of NAPCRG's committees as of January 2025. Meeting frequency varies by committee and the preferences of the Committee Chair, but volunteers should generally expect to meet at least quarterly, with some committees meeting more often depending on tasks and member availability. Committee leadership may serve two consecutive terms, while there is no limit on general Committee membership.

All committee members of NAPCRG will adhere to NAPCRG's Diversity Statement:

“We recognize current and historical inequities in research, including inequities in populations and among researchers themselves, that have resulted in disparities in health and well-being. We strive to create a research environment that amplifies the diverse voices of people and communities across all aspects of research, and particularly for those populations and Indigenous peoples who have been -- or continue to be underrepresented. We seek to promote the participation of a diverse membership in NAPCRG leadership, meetings and programs, research, employment and in all its other endeavors. We strive to include all, inclusive of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, religion, disability, ancestry or national origin; and to promote non-violent, rational idea exchange. We commit ourselves to promote primary care research scholarship nationally and internationally.”

Awards Committee – The Awards Committee oversees the NAPCRG Awards Program, including soliciting and evaluating nominations from a diverse range of constituents and selecting award recipients. The Committee is also responsible for coordinating the Awards Presentation at the Annual Meeting.

Governance Committee – The Governance Committee is responsible for selecting and submitting nominations to the Board for open leadership positions, orienting new appointees to their roles and responsibilities, reviewing proposed new or amended bylaws and providing recommendations to the Board, and proposing initiatives that address high-priority governance and policy issues for Board consideration. A current focus of the Committee is ensuring that the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion guide all aspects of NAPCRG operations, including recruitment, leadership, and programmatic content.

International Committee – The mission of the International Committee is to develop and support strategic initiatives that advance NAPCRG's commitment to being a truly international organization, extending outreach beyond the US and Canada to all nations. Recognizing that research is a core component of primary care practice and education, NAPCRG strives to support countries in prioritizing and funding primary care research. In alignment with NAPCRG's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, the organization welcomes primary care researchers from all nations to present new knowledge and research advances at the NAPCRG Annual Meeting and to participate in other NAPCRG activities.

Patient and Clinician Engagement (PaCE) Committee – The purpose of PaCE is to build a vibrant community of patients and primary care providers who bring knowledge of patient-centered outcomes research to help NAPCRG improve patient care. Often, community partners in research are limited to health

professionals or organizational leaders. PaCE is different, it seeks out the “non-usual suspects”: patients and partners who may not be medical experts or tied to specific research agendas, but whose influence comes from their connection to their communities. The Committee’s role is to bring these voices and ideas to the Board and to help shape and carry out new initiatives that strengthen the PaCE program and enhance patient experiences in primary care.

Program Committee – The committee is responsible for the academic aspects of the Annual Meeting program and makes decisions on various meeting details. The Program Committee selects and invites plenary speakers and reviews high-scoring submissions to identify distinguished papers. They also help determine the format of the Annual Meeting, such as adjusting the ratio of posters to oral presentations based on the venue and the number of submissions. In cases where reviewers assign low scores or there are discrepancies, the Program Committee reviews the abstracts and decides which ones will be accepted.

Research Advocacy Committee – The Research Advocacy Committee serves a multifaceted role, providing tools, training, and resources for NAPCRG members to support their advocacy efforts at the local, state, and national levels. It disseminates primary care research advocacy messages to key federal and state or provincial public policy leaders, identifies and fosters strong partnerships with organizations to collaborate, sponsor, fund, or otherwise support NAPCRG’s initiatives, and promotes primary care research opportunities to help shape the future direction of the field.

Trainee Committee – The Trainee Committee was established to give a voice to the newest members of the primary care research community. The committee hosts virtual sessions to engage trainees on high-priority topics in primary care research and provides career support for those pursuing this field. It is also tasked with bringing ideas and recommendations to the Board to enhance the trainee experience at NAPCRG.