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# AMA Guides® Editorial Panel

Virtual Panel Meeting  
January 16, 2020

# Agenda

- Welcome
- Meeting Mechanics
- COI/Disclosure Reminder
- Subcommittee Recap & Charters
- Function – Follow Up
- Evidence Framework & Grading
- Closing

# Establishment of Quorum

- Attendance will be taken to establish Panel quorum.

## Panel Members

Marie Acierno, M.D.	Rita Livingston, M.D., M.P.H.	Noah Raizman
Helene Fearon, P.T.	Doug Martin, M.D.	Michael Saffir, M.D.
Steven Feinberg, M.D.	Kano Mayer, M.D.	Jan Towers, Ph.D.
David Gloss, M.D.	Mark Melhorn, M.D.	
Robert Goldberg, D.O.	Marilyn Price, M.D.	

## Panel Advisors

Chris Brigham, M.D.    Barry Gelinas, M.D., D.C.    Abbie Hudgens, M.P.A.

# Meeting Mechanics

- Panel members and advisors may speak at any time throughout the duration of the event.
- All other attendees are on **listen-only** mode. Attendees on listen-only mode may press \*1 to indicate to an operator that they would like to speak.
  - We will periodically pause for comments/questions from the community.
  - The operator will temporarily unmute your line to allow you to speak.
- Should you experience any technical difficulties throughout the event, you may contact Asim Ahmed at 312-560-1066.

# Confidentiality/COI Reminders

- Confidentiality
  - It is at the discretion of the AMA, the publisher and convener, which topics, news items, or policy decisions resulting from this or any Editorial Panel meeting will be announced publicly at the appropriate time. Until and unless the AMA makes such a public announcement, all discussion and decisions made during AMA Guides® Editorial Panel Meetings are confidential.
  - Please refrain from tweeting or participating in podcasts, interviews, or news articles about Panel meetings, discussions, or deliberations. Recording devices by Panel members and co-chairs is strictly prohibited. The AMA will record all Panel meetings for reference materials and will be the only recording of Panel meetings allowed.
- Conflict of Interest (COI)
  - You are here because of your interest and/or experience with the AMA Guides®, but your affiliations could pose a potential conflict of interest. Please mention all of your disclosures if they are relevant to the topic being discussed or the opinions you hold and express.
  - While you were nominated by a society, remember that your Editorial Panel duty is to the AMA Guides®. You are not here to represent the interests of any society, profession, or employer.

# Subcommittee Recap

During the December live meeting, we discussed the development of two subcommittees to ensure all Guides-related content is being handled cohesively.

## AMA Guides Newsletters

A new process for AMA Guides content opens the door to new roles for existing Guides-related materials, like the newsletters including:

- Retiring the AMA Guides Newsletters
- Updating the mission/purpose of the Newsletters
- Making the Newsletters more authoritative

## Digital Guides

The AMA will require assistance with developing the digital delivery of the AMA Guides, including:

- Expected access and viewership of the AMA Guides content
- Process and use of AMA Guides impairment rating generator
- Integration of Guides-related materials, including potentially, Newsletters

# Tentative Membership

Based on survey responses, here are the tentative subcommittee memberships.

## AMA Guides Newsletters

- **Helene Fearon**
- Chris Brigham
- Mark Melhorn
- Barry Gelinas
- Steve Feinberg

## Digital Guides

- Noah Raizman
- Rita Livingston
- Robert Goldberg
- Doug Martin

## Subcommittee Charters

- Participation in a subcommittee is optional. Each of you has indicated in the survey sent out after the December live meeting which subcommittee you would like to participate in.
- Once notified of subcommittee membership, **each subcommittee provide an update at the April 23, 2020 live meeting.**
- While the subcommittees are intended to be independent, each subcommittee will have AMA staff support.

# Goals & Objectives

## AMA Guides Newsletters

- Make recommendations to AMA management on the future of the AMA Guides Newsletter (staying, going, re-branding?)
- Assuming the Newsletter is staying:
  - Create & publish an editorial process for Newsletter articles / new content.
  - Framework for classifying content as “official” vs. “opinion”.
  - Make recommendations to the panel for approval of new content

## Digital Guides

- Review and advise AMA management on the development of the digital Guides.
- View mockups, demos, and testing to provide feedback on progress of development group.
- Provide relevant recommendations to Guides Panel.
- Note: Expectation to engage a broader group to participate in review and feedback.

# Subcommittee Assignments

- Select leadership to run the subcommittee
- Define roles if needed
- Establish charter (AMA will provide template)
- Define meeting cadence
  - If the subcommittee will have regular meetings, what is the cadence of those meetings?
  - If the subcommittee will conduct ad-hoc sessions, which event(s) will trigger each session and who is responsible for “calling” a meeting?
- Identify key dates / milestones
- Present update to full panel by March panel meeting

## Follow Up: Function

- During the December live meeting, Dr. Kathryn Mueller discussed the concept of function.
- Brief recap of Dr. Mueller's presentation:
  - In order to most accurately represent the purpose of the AMA Guides, the Guides should incorporate Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) – specifically, functional PROMs (fPROMs).
  - Using fPROMs would take the patient's opinion into account and build on what most physicians are already doing, though it's challenging due to the different types of PROMs available and PROMs is inaccessible in most EHRs.
  - fPROMs is being used by more than 5 different specialties
  - Current programs implementing fPROMs have found it to be helpful to practice, patient communication, and treatment planning

# Follow Up: Function

TBD

# Evidence Framework

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Member since 2013

# Closing

- Next meeting: February 20, 2020 (Virtual)
- Live meeting reimbursements must be submitted by **January 29, 2020**.
  - The December 26<sup>th</sup> email (or January 3<sup>rd</sup> for some of you) contains the reimbursement form you will fill out with your transactions.
  - Alongside your reimbursement forms, please submit copies of all your receipts – we cannot issue reimbursement without corresponding receipts.
  - Submit your materials to Trisha.
- Reminder to submit your short bios for the Guides Panel page on the corporate website to [Amy.Jenkins@ama-assn.org](mailto:Amy.Jenkins@ama-assn.org).



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