

2025-2026 Quality Committee Charge

Purpose

The Quality Committee is responsible for defining and promoting high quality, cost-effective, multidisciplinary cancer care. The strategic objectives for accomplishing this goal include: Advancing quality of care in surgical oncology; Increasing participation in and education about quality improvement initiatives; and Communicating SSO quality initiatives to its members, other stakeholders, and patients.

Responsibilities

- Establish, review, and update as necessary standardized criteria and processes for SSO development and/or endorsement of quality initiatives/projects.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary cancer organizations on quality projects.
- Collaborate with SSO Disease Site Work Groups to develop and/or review or endorse quality projects, i.e., consensus statements, expert opinion pieces, appropriate care criteria, coverage policies and performance measures in surgical oncology.
- Establish, strengthen, and formalize liaisons to external organizations in relation to quality.
- Develop and provide programming to educate SSO members on quality initiatives.
- Serve as volunteer reviewers for abstract submissions to SSO's live meetings.
- Oversee the Value Task Force.

Composition/Appointment

- Chair: 2 years
- Vice Chair: 2 years
- Up to 13 members: 2 years (at least 1 from each area of expertise of the active DSWGs)
- Board Liaison: 1 year

New members are appointed by the President-Elect during the Application for Engagement, taking a wide range of factors into account: diversity of gender, race, geographical location, program size, and skillset, among others.

Eligibility	Time Commitment	Staff Liaison (s)
• Current voting SSO members with dues paid for 2025. • Commit to allocating time to effectively participate. • Complete Application for Engagement.	• Approximately 2-4 virtual meetings per year. • Additional hours per month to complete committee responsibilities. • Attend the Joint Committee Conference held at the SSO annual meeting.	Pam Hayden: pamhayden@surgonc.org