

New Process for Comment and Approval of Practice Parameters and Technical Standards

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Starting with the 2024 Annual Meeting there will be a new process for approval of Practice Parameters and Technical Standards (PP&TS) which will apply to all PP&TS, including those sponsored by multiple organizations, trialed for a period of not less than two (2) years. At the end of the trial period, the ACR Council Steering Committee will gather specific comments from the leadership of each collaborative society involved in the trial PP&TS process. Resolutions that are not PP-TS will continue to follow the current meeting structure with reference committee hearings at the Annual ACR Meeting.

The new process will be inclusive of the following –

- All PP&TS will be made available during the field review process for ACR member comment simultaneously, with a common deadline. The comment period will be at least 6 weeks in length and no more than 12 weeks;
- A virtual PP&TS meeting open to all ACR members will be created which will occur at least 3 weeks before the Annual Meeting, with the structure of this meeting mirroring existing reference committee open sessions. Depending on the number of PP&TS up for approval, a small number of dedicated PP&TS reference committee(s) will be formed which will hear testimony on proposed PP&TS language at the dedicated PP&TS meeting;
- After hearing testimony at the dedicated, virtual PP&TS meeting, the reference committee(s) will formulate a final draft version of all PP&TS being considered which will be distributed to Council and to co-sponsoring organizations at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting;
- The final draft version of the PP&TS will be presented to Council as a consent agenda. Persistent ACR member concerns may be resolved by extraction of an individual PP&TS by an ACR Councilor after a motion. Unextracted PP&TS will be passed with the consent agenda after a simple majority vote by Council;
- An extracted PP&TS will go through the reconciliation process again for presentation at the next Annual Meeting unless Council determines, by a simple majority vote, that the PP&TS in question needs to be discussed at the current Annual Meeting due to the importance of having an active/updated PP&TS on the subject;
- Should an extracted PP&TS be determined to warrant discussion at the current Annual Meeting, standard parliamentary procedure states that any discussion point not previously brought up during the dedicated, virtual PP&TS meeting is out of order; and
- Extracted PP&TS will revert to the most recently approved version, until superseded by a newer version approved by Council.