



# Federal Legislative Priorities and Public Policy Impact Among U.S. Urologists

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## INTRODUCTION

Federal health policy directly impacts the practice of urology.

Understanding urologists' legislative priorities and policy needs is vital to effective advocacy that protects urology patients and practices.

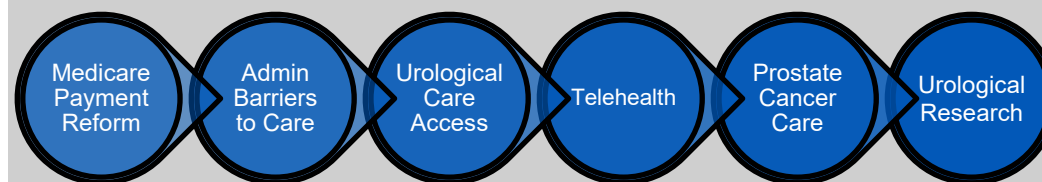
We aimed to identify the federal legislative priorities of U.S. urologists.

## OBJECTIVES

**Assess differences across practice settings:** Examine whether urologists in solo, small-group, hospital-employed, or private equity-backed practices prioritize federal issues differently.

**Inform targeted advocacy strategies:** Use the survey data to guide AUA and policymakers toward the most pressing issues for practicing urologists.

## RESULTS



Most important

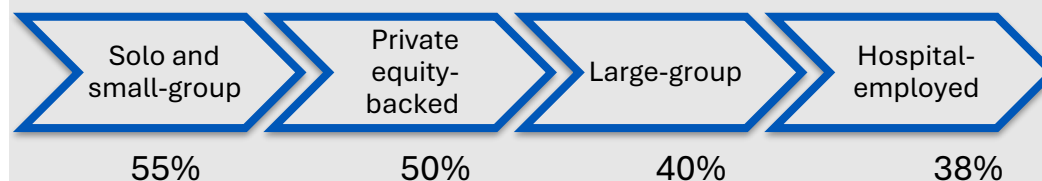
Less important

**Medicare payment reform was the most important legislative concern for 50% of respondents.** Administrative barriers including prior authorization were the second most cited concern (18%). There was no significant difference in how respondents ranked these issues based on practice type or ownership.



**40%** of respondents indicated they were

**"very likely" or "somewhat likely" to stop seeing traditional Medicare patients** within the next 2 years due to declining Medicare reimbursement.



By practice type, urologists in **solo and small-group practices were most likely to report limiting Medicare patients.**

## METHODS

We analyzed the 2025 AUA Federal Legislative Priorities Survey, which assessed AUA members' legislative priorities and perceived impact on their practices.

A total of 518 AUA members completed the survey.

We compare responses by practice type and ownership.

## CONCLUSIONS

Medicare payment reform is the most important public policy issue facing U.S. urologists.

The impact of declining reimbursements is immediate, with 40% of urologists considering limits on seeing Medicare patients.

Identifying urologists' legislative priorities can strengthen advocacy efforts, align the needs of clinicians and patients, and lead to more impactful and relevant reforms.