

Active Subcommittees

- Public Response Team: This team responds in tandem with the Board, and the HealthCare Reform Committee to respond to media or legislation that is relevant to professional affairs in Neuropsychology.
- Insurance Advocacy Teams: Members of the PAC have been in regular attendance with several insurance companies to advocate for patients to have access to the full range of services that are provided by neuropsychologists. For example, meetings and discussion are currently ongoing with representatives from BCBSMA, Tufts Associated Health Plans, Beacon Strategies, as several other agencies. In addition, members have also been in regular attendance of Listening Sessions offered by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance.
- Pearson Data Project Committee: This group in collaboration with members of the MPA assessment committee has obtained data from Pearson on the administration testing times of several standard neuropsychological measures when working with clinical populations. This data has been analyzed and the results submitted for publication. It is felt that this information may ultimately be helpful with advocacy efforts in the future. Additional projects of this nature may follow and we welcome additional feedback regarding similar projects.
- Membership Communication Team: This team drafts the PACFLASH for submission in the bi-annual newsletter, or more frequently if necessary and facilitates other communications with the membership regarding the work of the PAC as needed including presentation at the Open Board Meeting every March.
- Toolbox Committee: The Toolbox Committee has the goal of drafting/organizing/ or collecting resources that may be of benefit to the membership and particularly those in private practice. Recent projects have involved drafting Privacy Notice and Informed Consent documents that are compliant with both HIPAA as well Commonwealth of Massachusetts Laws.
- Web-Based and Open Architecture Assessments: Goals of this group including continued exploration of assessment toolkits that may provide cost-effective, scientifically-sound alternatives or supplements to commercial assessment products; to coordinate education of membership about such toolkits and their viability.
- Test Publishers: Members of the PAC have when appropriate met with Test Publishers to offer feedback regarding new assessment protocols and to provide education regarding the current neuropsychology practice climate. For example, in the past members have met with Pearson both regarding their development of the WAIS-IV as well as their development of Q-Interactive computerized assessment systems.