



Establishing a KDIGO Methods Committee

In early 2017, KDIGO Co-chairs asked Executive Committee Member Dr. Marcello Tonelli to serve as KDIGO Methodology Chair. Dr. Tonelli led an effort to enhance and strengthen the organization's guideline development and updating methodology. That effort has progressed well over the ensuing year and is poised to bring KDIGO a new methodology paradigm that builds on the elements of previous processes, while adding some modern and sophisticated elements. This new methodology aims to optimize cost and timelines while maintaining KDIGO's high quality standards for scientific rigor and transparency in its guidelines.

This has been a daunting effort and Dr. Tonelli has led it with true dedication and commitment. It has taken a great deal of time and effort and KDIGO will truly be in a better place once the task is completed. One aspect of Dr. Tonelli's remit is a Methods Manual outlining the detailed process for the development of guidelines that will serve as the methodological standard for all future KDIGO guideline and updating efforts.

KDIGO leadership met with Dr. Tonelli recently and discussed their long-standing interest in establishing a broader Methods Committee. This standing Committee would provide ongoing insight on and support for Dr. Tonelli's efforts, while bringing new perspectives to this critical part of KDIGO's mission. All agreed that this should move forward and requires some consideration by the Executive Committee

It is the Leadership's recommendation that Dr. Tonelli lead the KDIGO Method's Committee with an additional five to seven members. KDIGO intends to put out a community-wide call for nominations for this committee.

Its remit should include:

- Review and support for methodology strengthening efforts and the new Manual
- Input on format and style of de novo guidelines and updates (both online and in print)
- Oversight of evidence review by compensated ERTs and their performance evaluation
- Input on dynamic updating, timing and prioritization
- Oversight of conflict of interest and transparency policies and procedures

- Relaying their views periodically to the Executive Committee

One face-to-face meeting may be necessary, but most of the Committee's work will be accomplished via conference call. Details of the Committee's functioning will be left to its Chair and KDIGO leadership to determine.