

COMMISSION
Rheumatic Fever, Endocarditis and Kawasaki Disease Committee
Council on Lifelong Congenital Heart Disease and Heart Health in the Young (Young Hearts)

- NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 15 members.
- METHOD OF APPOINTMENT: The Council Chair, in consultation with the Committee Chair and Nominating Committee, shall appoint Committee members. The Committee shall be made up of a Chair and 8-10 members drawn from the Council (1-2 members from the Council on Clinical Cardiology (CLCD)), as well as external Liaisons from the AAP, IDSA, and ADA.
- TERM OF OFFICE: Members shall serve two-year terms beginning July 1st and ending June 30th and shall be staggered for continuity.
- FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Committee shall meet face-to-face twice per year, in the Fall in conjunction with AHA Scientific Sessions, and in the Spring in conjunction with ACC. The time commitment will vary, but should not exceed 1-3 hours per month.
- RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Committee Responsibilities:
- Review and evaluate new medical/scientific knowledge in the field of cardiac infectious diseases – particularly rheumatic fever, infective endocarditis, and Kawasaki disease;
 - Prepare scientific statements on the prevention and treatment of infective endocarditis in both children and adults;
 - Prepare scientific statements on the treatment of streptococcal pharyngitis and prevention of rheumatic fever; and update the Jones criteria at regular intervals;
 - Prepare scientific statements on the diagnosis and acute and long-term management of patients with Kawasaki disease;
 - Stimulate development and accumulation of further knowledge in the field;
 - Develop scientific conferences related to these infectious diseases;
 - Furnish guidance for educational matters related to these diseases;
 - Participate in AHA scientific conferences, and/or prepare booklets, pamphlets, and other material for the public.
- Chairperson's Responsibilities:
- Attend Leadership Committee meetings and present Committee report;
 - Provide guidance and orientation to members;
 - Preside over Committee meetings, working with AHA staff to schedule and prepare agendas;
 - Lead discussions at meetings and monitor activities;
 - Review minutes of Committee meetings;
 - Assign responsibilities as needed.

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