

Pacific Northwest Vascular Study Group

Date: May 20, 2015

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Tulio Restaurant, Seattle, WA

Meeting Minutes:

Attended:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Benjamin	Starnes, MD Medical Director	University of Washington
Amanda	Sigala, Data Manager	University of Washington
Alison	Roberts, Data Manager	University of Washington
Danielle	Slota, Admin	University of Washington
Billi	Tatum, Admin	University of Washington
Timothy	Liem, MD	OHSU
Diane	Voeller, NP	OHSU
Nancy	Davis, Admin	Providence
Joseph	Davis, MD	Providence
Jay	Cook, MD	Providence
Dae	Lee, MD	Kadlec Medical Center
Brian	Ferris	Lake Washington Vascular
Kaj	Johansen, MD	Swedish Heart & Vascular
Pamon	Pierce, MD	Virginia Mason Medical Center
Carrie	Bosela	SVPSO
Betti	Kerrigan	M2S
Shawna	Freeman	M2S
Matt	Regan	M2S

Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Starnes, Medical Director

Regional Group Participating Centers:

UW Medicine

Harborview Medical Center

Northwest Hospital and Medical Center

University of Washington Medical

Inovia Vein Specialty Center

Oregon Health & Science University

Sacred Heart Medical Center

National VQI Update (see slides): Carrie Bosela

Discussed how there are currently 326 center not enrolled in VQI in 46 different states. Over 205,000 procedures entered as of the first of April.

Announced new PSO staff:

- Dan Neal, M.S. as SVS PSO Analytic Director
- Nadine Caputo, Director of Quality
- Megan Mathy, PSO Admin support

Introduced new reporting feature in the analytics engine: The M2S PATHWAYS Analytic Engine can now display variation across centers **in the entire VQI or in a Regional Quality Group** for the variables in each procedure type, including risk-adjusted outcomes where appropriate.

Still looking for TEVAR Type B dissection participants for the 1 year study, pays \$400 per patient with no additional data entry.

Announced recent requests for participant in the Aorfix™ Prospective, Non-Randomized, Multi-Center Evaluation of the Long-Term Safety and Effectiveness of the Lombard Medical Aorfix™ AAA Flexible Stent Graft System. 5 year commitment reimbursed @ \$4000 per patient.

Discussion about receiving CME or Self-Assessment MOC credits for regional meeting attendance. Most would prefer CME.

National Data Review (see slides): Carrie Bosela

No regional data to review, too new of a group. Review National Reports to give the group an idea of what they will receive regional next Fall.

LTFU discussion: Goal of 80% is good but only after 2 years of participation. Lowest and highest performers should be decided based on bell curve. Lowest and Highest Quartile. Counter intuitive to enforce penalties.

Dr. Garrett gave a demonstration of abstracting a TEVAR case. Group found it useful and information especially given all of the guests in the room. Group would like the data put into VQI generate an Op Report.

Arterial Quality Committee Update: (see slides)

M2S was approved by CMS to be a QCDR: Qualified Clinical Data Registry. This will allow VQI members to meet PQRS requirements for Part B Medicare to avoid payment penalties by using measures not approved for PQRS but specifically for VQI. See attached approved list.

COPI (Center Opportunity Profile for Improvement)

Infra LOS to be released this Spring. Next two in development:

- 1-One year stroke/mortality after elective CEA/CAS for asymptomatic carotid stenosis
- 2-One year mortality after open AAA/EVAR for elective AAA less than 6cm

National QI projects:

1. Regional variation in postoperative myocardial infarction, Dr. Dan Bertges
2. Survival for patients discharged on Antiplatelets and Statins, Dr. Randall DeMartino

Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Update: (see slides)

Approved Project list on line:

[http://www.vascularqualityinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/VQI Approved Projects List February-11-2015.pdf](http://www.vascularqualityinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/VQI%20Approved%20Projects%20List%20February-11-2015.pdf)

45 National Projects

80 Regional Projects (VSGNE, Carolina's, Virginia's and Mid-Atlantic)

Venous Quality Committee Update: (see slides)

IVC Filter registry:

- 2312 procedures
- 56 centers

Varicose Vein Registry: launched January 2015

- 250 procedures in first month
- 21 centers contracted
- Focus on vein centers, integrate with vein-specific EMR vendors
 - VeinSpec
 - SonoSoft
 - StreamlineMD
 - MedStreaming
- Includes Quality of Life variables

SVS support regional group websites

- Need volunteer to work on content with Megan Mathy, SVS PSO

Expanding Participation: List of “interested” centers in the region included in the slide deck, current Great Lake members encouraged to reach out to any peers at those centers to help increase membership in the group.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2015 in conjunction with the PCNW annual meeting

Adjourn