

## Tennessee Vascular Study Group

March 12, 2015 5:00-6:30 pm

Conference Call

### Meeting Minutes:

#### Attended:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Edward	Garrett, MD (Medical Director)	Baptist Memorial Hospital
Maurie	Wright, Data manager	Baptist Memorial Hospital
Patrick	Ryan, MD	Nashville Vascular and Vein Institute
Laura	Stone, Data manager	Nashville Vascular and Vein Institute
Michael	McNally, MD	University of Tennessee Medical
Michael	Freeman, MD	University of Tennessee Medical
Steve	Stephens, MD	University of Tennessee Medical
Natalie	Varner, Data manager	University of Tennessee Medical
Heath	Broussard, MD	Jackson Madison County General
Paula	Taylor, Data manager	Jackson Madison County General
Betti	Kerrigan	M2S
Deborah	MacAulay	M2S
Carrie	Bosela	SVSPSO

#### Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Ed Garrett, Medical Director

Discussion about University of MS and University of AL joining VQI. All agreed they would be welcome to join this Regional Group. Dr. Garrett to reach out to the lead physicians.

Executive committee finalized:

Baptist Memorial Hospital: Dr. Ed Garrett

University of Tennessee: Dr. Michael Freeman

Premier Surgical Associates: Dr. Chris Pollock

Jackson Madison County General: Dr. Heath Broussard

Nashville Vascular and Vein Institute: Dr. Patrick Ryan

**National VQI Update (see slides):** Carrie Bosela

Discussed how there are currently 326 center not enrolled in VQI in 46 different states. Over 200,000 procedures entered as of the first of March.

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 Self-Assessment.

**National Data Review (see slides):** Dr. Ed Garrett

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, takes that long to figure it out. Dr. Freeman reported that in the past 2 years of participation this is the hardest thing they have had to address. They meet as a team once a month to discuss. Low performers are less than 50% but should have a probation period and be given best practice ideas to improve. Nothing punitive. Having multiple specialties makes LTFU even more challenging, especially if they are on different EMRs.

Group interested in working on D/C statins and antiplatelets. Carrie suggested visiting the SoCal VOICe regional group website to see the patient and PCP letters they use.

<http://www.vascularqualityinitiative.org/components-of-the-vqi/regional-quality-groups/current-regional-quality-groups/southern-california-voice/sc-voice-quality-initiatives/office-setting/>

**Arterial Quality Committee Update:**

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:**

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_Approved_Projects_List_February-11-2015.pdf)

45 National Projects

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

**Venous Quality Committee Update:** Carrie Bosela for Dr. Anthony Comerota

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:

- Dr. Patrick Ryan volunteered to host
- Possibly in conjunction with SAVS (Cancun)
- TBD

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