

**Carolinas Vascular Quality Group**  
**Fall 2021 Meeting**  
**11/6/2021 Virtual**  
**900am – 1200pm**

Meeting Highlights/Action Items

(See regional slide deck for detailed data)

Remote attendance: (download from ring central)

PSO Representative Attending Meeting: Carrie Bosela, Betsy Wymer

I. Presentations:

Presenter: VQI Regional Quality Report  
Katharine McGinigle, MD

II. General Discussion and Questions

- a. Welcome New members Cape Fear Valley Health and Wayne UNC Healthcare
- b. LTFU rates have dipped as a regional group and compared to national numbers which is unusual for this group, so please be mindful of LTFU
- c. OAAA in hospital mortality is 8.6%, compared to national average which is 4.4%, lets look at this again in the Spring
- d. Infra CLTI and Supra CLTI complications are higher than national average
- e. IVCF retrieval 50% no follow up for our region compared to 17% VQI overall. This is likely a documentation issue, there has been a steady decline for our region.
- f. Doing really well and taking vascular surgery quality really seriously in this region. Over performing in most areas except for OAAA and open aortic occlusive disease surgery
- g. Doing more TCARs and expect that trend to increase
- h. Interestingly doing a lot more of symptomatic CEA proportionately compared to asymptomatic CEA

III. Action Items (including QI projects):

- a. OAAA in-hospital mortality- discuss processes of care for these patients. ERAS guidelines should be published by then. Discuss plans of care for these patients so we can elevate their care
- b. TCAR discussion
- c. Data abstraction- some facilities are using centralized abstraction which may or may not be a clinical person.

IV. AQC-

- a. major revisions for infra and supra modules
- b. OAAA revisions in Q2 2022
- c. CAS & EVAR new pathway reports released
- d. CEA, TEVAR, PVI, HDA new pathway reports will be released by end of the year or early 2022
- e. Clinical Appropriateness Performance Indicators (CAPI reports)
  - i. Aligning with SVG guidelines
- f. Working on standard op notes working with Epic & Cerner- in pilot with Cerner at UAB with Dr. Beck

VQC-

- a. New venous RAC

RAC-

- a. Creating videos on how to submit RAC proposals
- b. Creating useful tools to train new investigators

Vision (Medicare Match Data)

- a. Primary goal to facilitate low- cost, high value and real-world evidence research through the creation of a national repository
- b. SRS reports center specific survival, reintervention, and surveillance reports

V. Breakout Sessions

Research - Dr. Chandler Long

Quality Improvement -Dr. Katharine McGinagle

VI. Key Note Address

Addressing Disparities in Delivery of PAD-related Health Care- Dr. Corey Kalbaugh

VII. National VQI Update

See slide deck

VIII. Next Meeting:

**Friday May 6, 2022**

This will be a **virtual** meeting

Time TBA