

VQI Registry Mid-Atlantic Region

Quarterly Call Minutes

7/20/2016

1. Introductions: Present – Melissa Baker, Maria Albert, Amy Pajula, Kathy Levan, Debra Humphrey, Debra Cook, Faisal Aziz, Lisa Baro, Heidi Martin, Anne Simenauer, Azalea Barrozo, Filiz Costantini (If I missed you on the list, please let me know)

2. Updates from VQI @ VAM 2016 – Washington, D.C.
 - a. Slides are available in the Resource section of the VQI Registry. These are available at no charge to participants. Please share with your sites – there are case scenarios and module updates.
 - b. SVS PSO is also searching for a secure hosting domain to post the recordings to. More to come on this.
 - c. Feedback from participants @ VQI meeting in D.C. for next year's meeting: More case scenarios, more networking opportunities, SVS will send out an attendee list so all attendees can see who else is attending in case there is someone specific you want to network with.
 - d. **One of the sites shared a letter they used to demonstrate the value of attending the VQI@VAM meeting and that template is attached for your use to share with your administration.

3. Updates from Lead Data Manager Call on 6/23/2016
 - a. SVS is seeking webinar topic suggestions – this can be general like reports or something module specific. Some of the topics mentioned by the Lead Data Managers on the call: changes to analytics engine, webinar on individual modules, review exclusions and exclusions, inter-rater reliability – please email me at filizcostantini@umm.edu with any suggestions
 - b. SVS sent out physician level reports, so it will be important to be sure your surgeon email addresses are correct in the VQI database.
 - c. Would 30 day readmission data be valuable? Consensus was YES – especially to have a comparison across region and country.
 - d. Some hospitals are tracking those excluded patients in a separate database...what are you doing at your facility?
 - e. Heart rate field – to be removed soon. More to follow on this – SVS sends updates to M2S and it has a cost associated with it and goes into a job queue, so changes are not instantaneous – for now, it is acceptable to put “0” in HR field
 - f. Remind your teams to try NOT to submit without validation
 - g. How can we get total case volume updates? Report templates being worked on for site by region, region by registry and nation by registry
 - h. A new Medical Module was introduced at VQI meeting in DC. There will be more webinar demos in September and SVS welcomes your feedback on these. Look out for these announcements.
 - What resources will be required? Staffing? Costs? Also must have access to office EMR in order to complete registry
 - i. September 1, 2016 is the expected rollout of the PVI upgrade webinar being held mid August so watch for the announcement
 - j. Remember to DEACTIVATE individuals when they leave the facility.
 - k. Long term follow up (LTFU) policy – there are questions on LTFU and we can look into doing a regional survey on how other sites are doing LTFU

- I. There have been concerns raised about the MI definition in the dictionary – Carrie is asking for suggestions for this definition and a suggestion was raised that it should be changed to NCDR definition of MI.
4. Attachments – I sent out an email with attachments and if there are any questions on those, please let me know
5. Survey – Thank you to those who have completed the survey – kindly complete
6. Summary/plan for future calls – calls will be quarterly and comprise mainly of updates from Regional Lead Data Manager calls.

Topics for Follow Up:

What is the status of Epic automation with VQI database? Carrie: they are completing CEA now at the University of Rochester and M2S wants to test with 3-4 more sites before making an announcement to open the process up to everyone

When and where is the next regional meeting? In conjunction with the EVS meeting in Philly date and time still being determined most likely Thursday the 15th 7:00-9:00 am <http://meeting.easternvascular.org/>