

September 22, 2017 Virginias Vascular Study Group

Meeting Minutes

12:30-4:30

Kingsmill Resort- Williamsburg, VA

ATTENDANCE

John Pfeifer	MD	VCU	Richmond, VA
James Campbell	MD	CAMC	Charleston, WV
Michael Amendola	MD	VCU	Richmond, VA
Morgan Messner	NP	VCU	Richmond, VA
Rasesh Shah	MD	Sentara	Norfolk, VA
Michael Yacomb	MD	CAMC	Charleston, WV
Robert Lawson	MD	VCU	Richmond, VA
Rich Neville	MD	INOVA	Fairfax, VA
Karen Bowen	Analyst	WMC	Winchester, VA
Kelly Haddox	Analyst	WMC	Winchester, VA
Chris Sytsma	Data Manager	WMC	Winchester, VA
Matthew Borkon	MD	WMC	Winchester, VA
Elizabeth Quinn	RN	Sentara	Norfolk, VA
Carolyn Streck	Admin	Sentara	Virginia Beach, VA
Stacy Giardina	Data Manger	WVU	Morgantown, WV
Ashlee Fletcher	RN	Sentara	Norfolk, VA
Nadine Caputo	GUEST		
Samantha Minc	MD	WVU	Morgantown, WV
Mary Baldwin	Data Manager	UVA	Charlottesville, VA
Gil Upchurch	MD	UVA	Charlottesville, VA
Will Robinson	MD	UVA	Charlottesville, VA
Megan Clarke Tracci	MD	UVA	Charlottesville, VA
David Spinosa	MD	INOVA	Fairfax, VA
Aditya Sharma	MD	UVA	Charlottesville, VA
Karen Forsman	Assoc Chief	UVA	Charlottesville, VA
Deb MacAuley	GUEST	Pathways	

Main meeting preceded by “getting to know you” session with data managers

Round robin introductions

Quarterly phone call meetings to be held. Date and time to be determined but will follow VVSG by yearly meetings

Will send out preference for dates and times

?sharing report structure with other data managers with less experience

?identify managers as “specialists” in certain databases

Welcome and Introduction by Dr. William Robinson, Medical Director

Presentation:

- 1- Dr. Mike Amendola, "Obtaining long term follow up in VA system"
 - a. VA system has captive audience for long term follow up
 - b. Majority of pts in this data base are male
 - Mary Baldwin suggests that VQI should consider adding continued follow-up for the EVAR patients—Years 2-3-4 since surveillance is so important to these cases. Nadine Caputo from the SVS, PSO states this is being looked into and is not sure where it stands.

- 2- **Key Note Speaker:** Dr Andres Schanzer, MD, FACS Professor and Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery Director, UMass Center for Complex Aortic Disease University of Massachusetts Medical School :

"Reflections on A Decade of Participation in the Vascular Surgery Group of New England"
Discussed value of quality improvement projects using VQI data
Very robust QI program with research committee overseeing requests at regional level and submitting for national data
Expect turnaround time of 6 weeks or less
One page request form he will share with VVSG

- 3- Dave Spinosa: "Below-knee endovascular interventions "
 - a. Dr Spinosa reviewed findings of article
 - b. Endovascular interventions have been outcomes compared to open bypass pt in setting of acute limb ischemia
 - c. Endovascular approach also have better outcomes in diabetes or tissue loss
 - Anyone have ideas for abstractors to capture the PVI details?
 - Samantha Minc, WVU Medicine has created a dot phrase for providers to attach to the procedure note.

National VQI update by Nadine Caputo, SVS PSO

- Volume of participating centers = 433 centers with 18 regional groups including Canada. The volume of procedures exceeds 400,000.
- Highlighted the new member only website to help members share quality improvement and best practice information more easily between and within Regional Quality Groups. The site includes a new password protected topical discussion forum for VQI members. Remember this area requires a special password- not your VQI password. Contact Nancy Heatley for access.
- The VQI@VAM meeting took place in San Diego on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 with a half-day session for data managers. Wednesday was a full day session for physicians and data managers. Many of the topics for 2017 were submitted by members. The new poster session/reception was well received as well as the LTFU discussions.
- Information now on the members only website:
 - Resources
 - All the PowerPoint Presentations and Poster Session PDFs from the San Diego meeting

- Full Video from the Sessions from the Wednesday portion of VQI@VAM

- Two national QI initiatives for the PSO – the first is discharge medications. The second initiative is EVAR LTFU (long term follow up).

Goal for both of these initiatives is 100% compliance. To support increased compliance, the PSO, working with the Arterial Quality Council and the Quality Improvement Workgroup, is developing implementation tools for members, issuing comparative reports and data on improvements over time.

- Changes to the CMS physician payment program was discussed under MACRA/MIPS. The importance of submitting data IN 2017 under the ‘pick your pace’ program that allows submission of minimal data to avoid a penalty in 2019 or the full data submission that provides opportunities for bonus incentives.

VQI can be a vendor for submission

- Educational Webinars 2017:
 - July: MACRA/MIPS – slides and transcripts available on VQI website
 - August: IVCF Retrieval Report
 - September 12 and 19 : MIPS/MACRA Town Hall – transcripts on VQI website
 - Tuesday Sept. 26th at 1 PM Eastern – QI webinar
 - How Two Different Hospitals Started Their QI Projects Using VQI Data and DMAIC Six Sigma: A Limb Salvage Project in a Non-Academic Hospital and a Vascular
 - October: Medicine Registry, Analytic Engine, Basic
 - November: Changes to Participation Award, Analytic Engine, Advanced
 - December: Difficult Case Abstraction (TBD)
- Potential changes to the participation awards were discussed. There will be 4 categories scored (0-6 point scale) --See slide deck for details beginning with slide 21 These categories are still being reviewed – are not yet final
 - LTFU
 - Meeting attendance (must have at least 1 physician in attendance at regional meeting to score in this category)
 - QI project involvement (must involve presentation at local, regional or national level)
 - Number of registry subscriptions
- There was a discussion on remote participation for meetings
 - VVSG covers a large geographic area
 - Possibly allowing those outside a specific radius from the meeting to teleconference in?

Regional Data Review: (see the slide deck) beginning with slide 27

Dr. Robinson reviewed data from the Regional Reports. Pointed out the Virginias’ data constitutes 10% of the VQI national data and there is a lot of opportunity to work on regional Quality Improvement projects and regional/national research proposals.

QI opportunities in Discharge medications and Stroke/death after CEA, sac diameter in Endo AAA follow up

AQC update: Megan Tracci, MD slide 75

- Chairs for each of the registries submitted a list of essential variables.
- Updates for Definitions led by Adam Beck. Focusing on redefining urgent/emergent for PVI and other registries to take place of “surgery within 24 hrs.” These will differ by registry

- Redefine postop CHF within each registry
- There will be a focus on center dashboards using Maine Medical Center as a guide
- Bi-annual dashboards planned for 2018; quarterly issuance for high volume registries TBD

VQC update: David Spinosa, MD SLIDE 79

- 2018 release for the Venous Stent Registry
- Information provided on “Why Use Venous Stents” (see slides)

RAC and Governing Council update: William Robinson, MD and update for Dr Mousa Research Advisory Council slide 89

- Examples of proposals for research projects will be posted on the VVSG website.
- If researchers are interested in research, but would like some help with developing their ideas feel free to contact
- Albeir Mousa amousa@hsc.wvu.edu
- Mike Broce mike.broce@camc.org

Proposal Submissions –December 2017

- Call for Proposals: October 10, 2017
- Due Date: November 20, 2017
- Meeting: December 11, 2017
- Notifications Sent: December 12, 2017

General Discussion:

Funding for regional meetings. What do you suggest?

- Industry unrestricted grant SVS PSO
- Dues (need fiduciary agent)
- Hosting hospital / fair rotation
- Vascular Society funding (i.e. West Virginia annual meeting)
- Most sites do not feel they can increase fees

Unblinding of data

There will be a vote via Survey Monkey to decide if the VVSG should unblind LTFU for EVAR. There will be one vote per institution (lead physician)

Survey will be sent out by Nancy Heatley

Deb MacAuley from M2S Pathways provided an update: (See the slide deck) slide 101

Demo of new view in M2S

VQI can be used for submission for QCDR

Focus on Post- market Surveillance Projects

If interested please contact Deb MacAuley

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Next Meeting:

2018 VVSG Spring Meeting
April 26, 2018 12:30-4:00
Hosted by Sentara & Dr. Strek
Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hilton
Virginia Beach, VA

Future Meetings:

VQI@VAM
June 2018
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, MA

2018 VVSG Fall Meeting
Dates and Times TBD
Hosted by CAMC & Dr. Mousa
The Greenbriar
White Sulphur Springs, WV