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[Center name] earns [one, two or three] stars in Vascular Quality Initiative Registry Participation Award Program

[DATELINE] – The Society for Vascular Surgery’s Vascular Quality Initiative (SVS VQI) has awarded [center name] [one, two or three] stars for its active participation in the Registry Participation Program.

The mission of the SVS VQI is to improve patient safety and the quality of vascular care delivery by providing web-based collection, aggregation and analysis of clinical data submitted in registry format for all patients undergoing specific vascular treatments. The VQI operates 12 vascular registries.

The participation awards program began in 2016 to encourage active participation in the registries program and recognize the importance of that participation.

Participating centers can earn up to three stars based on actions that lead to better patient care, including:

- The completeness of long-term, follow-up reporting, based on the percentage of patients for whom they have at least nine months of follow-up data
- Physician attendance at semi-annual meetings of a regional quality group
- Initiation of quality improvement activities based on VQI data
- The number of vascular registries in which the center participates

VQI’s registries contain demographic, clinical, procedural and outcomes data from more than 500,000 vascular procedures performed in the U.S. and in Canada. Each record includes information from the patient’s initial hospitalization and at one-year follow-up.

The wealth of data allows centers and providers to compare their performance to regional and national benchmarks. All centers and providers receive biannual dashboards and regular performance reports, so they can use their data to support quality improvement initiatives.

[ADD A QUOTE FROM YOUR HOSPITAL OR CENTER ADMINISTRATOR, ie: “Our vascular care team uses VQI data to measure the effectiveness of our programs and to improve our long-term patient care.”]

Biannual regional meetings allow physicians of different specialties, nurses, data managers, quality officers and others to meet, share information and ideas, and learn from each other in a

positive and supportive environment. Members have used VQI data to significantly improve the delivery of vascular care at local, regional, and national levels, reducing complications and expenses.

"Hard-working, dedicated organizations such as [center name] are key to the success of the vascular registries," said VQI Medical Director Dr. Jens Eldrup-Jorgensen. "The work we do to build and maintain the registries for researcher use is crucial to health and outcomes for vascular patients. Like the old saying says, 'if you can't measure it, you can't improve it.'"

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Operating under the [Society for Vascular Surgery](#), the [Vascular Quality Initiative](#) is composed of 12 registries containing demographic, clinical, procedural and outcomes data from more than 500,000 vascular procedures performed nationwide and in Canada. The mission of VQI is to improve the quality, safety, effectiveness and cost of vascular healthcare.