



**The Carolinas Vascular Study Group**  
**The Spring Regional Meeting**  
**at The Grove Park Inn**  
**May 4, 2018**

**Agenda**

- 10:00am-10:20am Welcome & Introductions.....Dr. Leila Mureebe
- 10:20am- 10:30am Follow up on Fall meeting..... Dr. Thomas Brothers
- 10:30am -11:00am National VQI/PSO Update.....Jim Wadzinski
- 11:00am-12:00pm Regional Reports Review.....Dr. Leila Mureebe /Dr. Tom Brothers
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunch/ Breakout Sessions:
- Physicians:* AQC Update.....Dr. Leila Mureebe  
VQC Update.....Dr. Kate McGinagle  
RAC Update.....Dr. Thomas Brothers
- Coordinator's Luncheon: " Charters and Projects" .....Lorri Bennett/Coordinators*
- 1:30pm -2:30pm "Crow and Confess" ..... Dr. Leila Mureebe/Dr. Tom Brothers
- 2:30pm-2:45 pm Break/Cookies!.....
- 2:45pm-3:00pm Nominations of Committee Chairmen and membership selection..... Membership
- 3:00pm-3:30pm Future Directions/Desired topics of Discussion for this Meeting..... Membership
- 3:30pm Closing Comments..... Dr. Leila Mureebe /Dr. Tom Brothers

♪ *Next Meeting: November 2, 2018 Roper Hospital ~ Charleston, SC*

**Carolina's Vascular Quality Study Group**  
**Spring Meeting, May 4th, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Welcome & Introductions:**

**Dr. Thomas Brothers & Dr. Leila Mureebe, Membership.**

**Follow-Up on Fall Meeting (Dr. Thomas Brothers):**

- Sustain our gain in statin/aspirin usage.
- Continue to hardwire one-year follow-up.
- Get EVAR's back and sacs measured.
- Document femoral guide puncture with ultrasound or fluoroscopy.
- Recruitment of new members.

**National VQI/PSO Update (Jim Wadzinski):**

(Please refer to attached presentation for detail.)

- The VQI now has 458 Centers in 46 States + Canada- in 18 Regional Groups.
- VAM will be on Wednesday June 20-21, 2018.
- VQI is approved by CMS as a QCDR Qualified Clinical Data Registry.
- Data Audits will begin in 2018.
- 2017 Participation Awards- There were 4 3-Star Recipients.
- The Participation Awards for 2018: There will be 4 categories scored, each on a 6-point scale.
  - QI Charter Initiation were due on March 31<sup>st</sup>; however, project charters are still being accepted.
  - Further information is available on the SVS VQI on the national member's website.
- There will be 6 Educational Webinars in 2018.
- Registry updates (see slides).
- Registry Projects (see slides): TCAR, Bard LifeStent Popliteal Artery Stent Project, Medtronic INPACT Admiral DCB ISR Project, CREST2, TEVAR Dissection Surveillance Project, Lombard Aorfix Surveillance Project.

**Regional Reports Review (Dr. Leila Mureebe /Dr. Tom Brothers):**

(Please refer to attached presentation for detail.)

- Review of the Spring Regional Reports.
- Decision by membership to maintain Regional/Center goals agreed upon at the Fall 2017 Regional Meeting:
  - Statin/Aspirin usage @90%. (if pt. allergic- please note "no, for medical reason")
  - One year follow-up >80%
  - EVAR FU and sacs measured at 70%.
  - US guidance for femoral puncture @70%.
- Discussion regarding importance of choosing the correct level of amputation- Cory Kalbaugh to review the regional data and report back at the Fall Meeting (November 2018).

## Lunch/ Breakout Sessions:

### *Physicians: AQC Update.....Dr. Leila Mureebe*

- Finalizing Common Variable select options and helptext.
- Completing all “missing helptext”
- Clinically reviewing all helptext to site scientific support
- 30 day variables for all registries are being reviewed
- LTFU required fields are complete.
- Expect to see 3 Special Reports in 2018.

### *VQC Update..... Dr. Kate McGinagle*

- VQI is currently being analyzed to identify trends in the number of procedures being performed on the same patient in a single year.
- Dr. Osborne will be presenting at AVF on how the VQI can be used to monitor appropriateness through “CAPI” reports.
- Workgroups are determining how to present payors with data so they can make informed payment decision, based on appropriateness.
- Venous Stent Registry: to be released in 2018.

### *RAC Update.....Dr. Thomas Brothers*

- Check Approved Project List, and deadlines for submissions.

### *Coordinator’s Luncheon: “ Charters and Projects”.....Lorri Bennett/Coordinators*

Discussion on how to fill out project charters- “living” documents, expect changes.(handout).

Group shared topics for their facility Project Charters and reason chosen:

- RSFH- Roper: Long Term Follow-Up, Limb Salvage Program.
- Novant-Forsythe: Discharge Meds.
- UNC (Chapel Hill): PreOp HgA1C.
- MUSC: Post Op ASA/Statin at discharge for EVAR.
- Trident: Long Term Follow-Up.
- WakeMed: Discharge ASA/Statins.
- Self Regional: Discharge ASA/Statins
- Mission: Discharge ASA/Statins for Open AAA/EVAR/CEA.
- McLeod: Discharge ASA/Statins.
- Duke: Decrease Transfusion rates.

Lorri to send out template for Roper’s Quarterly Scorecard (in use since 2006) using VQI data.

Discussion of 2018 Participation Awards (handout) with example.

### **“Crow and Confess” (Dr. Leila Mureebe/Dr. Tom Brothers/Membership):**

So Proud that we Crowed! :

- Following CEA suggestions presented at past regional meetings- working!
- Maintaining decreased LOS for CEA.
- US Guidance standard for CVSG.
- Decrease use of Opioids
- Use of standardization of Rx Discharge Meds.
- Adding of modules- administrative support for VQI data- national standard for Vascular Surgery.
- Dashboard/Scorecard usage VQI data/ regular presentation at department meetings.

Not so proud... so, we had to Confess:

- Discussion that 80% LTFU difficult to obtain- availability of EMR, patients without means to reach them, assess of patients who live 3 or more hours away, access/communication with other provider/general practice.

**Nominations of Committee Chairmen and membership selection (Membership):**

Opening available for Chair of RAC – if interested, please contact Dr. Brothers or Dr. Mureebe.

**Future Directions/Desired topics of Discussion for this Meeting (Membership):**

- Look at Open AAA data and redefine what includes and excludes criteria to qualify for registry- eliminate some of the exclusion criteria- Open AAA rare- data on all procedures would be helpful to see what is being done.
- Present Individual Project Charters- award points given- 5 to 10 minute presentations.
- Look at other National Data Reporting, such as Leapfrog/ big data in health policy.
- Use of “Best Papers” in Journal Clubs.

**Closing Comments/Adjourn..... Dr. Leila Mureebe /Dr. Tom Brothers**

Group wishes to keep the Spring Meeting at the Grove Park Inn- May 2019.

The Membership of the CVSG wishes to thank Dr. Brothers and Dr. Mureebe for taking the helm!

Respectfully Submitted,

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