

Carolinas Vascular Quality Group Fall Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2019

10:00AM – 4:00PM

Roper Hospital

Charleston, SC

- **Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Brothers and Dr. Mureebe**
- **Follow up from Spring 2019 Regional Meeting – Dr. Brothers**

- **National VQI Update: Cheryl Jackson, SVS PSO**

SVS PSO Staffing Update:

Kristopher Huffman has been hired as the new Director of Analytics

Dan Neal will continue as a part-time employee of the PSO

Positioned filled for Clinical Operations Associate

Caroline Morgan, BSN has been hired as the new Clinical Operations Associate

Caroline will:

assist with data audits, responding to clinical questions and updating and maintaining the registries

be the lead interface with regional data managers

attend regional and national meetings

Caroline comes from NCDR, where she was in charge of their ICD, Afib Ablation and PVI registries

Caroline started on September 30th

SVS PSO will be hiring an Associate Medical Director

An RFA will be issued by the end of August and the position will be filled by March 2020

Position will report to the PSO's Medical Director, Dr. Jens Eldrup-Jorgensen

The initial focus will be to assist the SVS PSO Medical Director and SVS PSO staff, with guidance and oversight its clinical operations.

There will be a specific emphasis placed on attaining a deep understanding of the construct of the variables in each SVS VQI registry and then assisting with the development and maintenance of the registries and associated reporting and analytics.

VQI@VAM Highlights: See slide deck

Participation Awards: 2019

Scoring

LTFU (40%)

Regional Meeting attendance (30%)

QI Project (20%)

Registry subscriptions (10%)

Participation Committee is in the process of reviewing criteria for 2020 awards

3 Star recipients received certificates at the Spring Regional and National Meeting

View pictures on your region's website at www.vqi.org

For general inquiries about the Participation Awards, please contact Cheryl Jackson at

CJACKSON@SVSPSO.ORG or Jim Wadzinski at JWADZINSKI@SVSPSO.ORG.

Submit Project Charters and supporting documentation for presentations and posters to QI@SVSPSO.ORG or cjackson@svspso.org.
Visit the VQI Members Only Website for webinars and presentations on VQI Quality Improvement Projects. www.vqi.org

2019 Reports:

Quarter 1:

Spring Regional Reports,

QI Update: EVAR LTFU Imaging Update/Risk Calculator

Performance Awards

Quarter 2:

QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging

Center and System Dashboards

Quarter 3:

Fall Regional Reports

QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging

Center and System Dashboards

Quarter 4:

QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging

Registry Updates:

Hemodialysis Access: In development and will be released in Q3 2019

Vascular Medicine Registry: Specifications finalized, to be released in Q4 2019

Varicose Vein: Specifications finalized, to be released in Q4 2019

Venous Stent Registry: Specifications finalized, to be released in Q4 2019

M2S Updates and Technology Updates

- Implement GUDID integration for PVI balloons and atherectomy (on PVI comprehensive form). Released on 5/22/2019
- Add Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) as an optional patient identifier. Released on 6/5/2019
- Across-registry change on Patient Details page. Released on 6/5/2019
- Allow Follow-up links to display for all procedures even when an exclusion rule is met

Exclusion rules include:

Carotid Artery Stent registry: If all arteries treated are Technical Failure then the procedure is excluded.

Endo AAA Repair: If converted to Open, then a follow-up EVAR form is not required.

PVI registry: If all arteries treated are Technical Failure or Unable to Treat then the procedure is excluded.

Thoracic and Complex EVAR: If the 'Aortic Device Implanted = No' then treat the procedure as Technical Failure, or if converted to Open do not require a follow-up on the TEVAR form.

Universal: If death is recorded on an index procedure, no follow-up is required for that procedure. This procedure will be excluded.

- PVI Revision - update PVI Closure Device Type Right/Left. Released on 6/26/2019
- Across-registry revision - retire Healthcare Insurance Claims Number (HICN) variable. Released on 7/24/2019

HICN field was retired on:
Carotid Endarterectomy
Hemodialysis Access
IVC Filter
Infra-inguinal Bypass
Supra-inguinal Bypass
Lower Extremity Amputation
Open AAA Repair
TEVAR

- **Other Development Projects to be released in 2019**
Hemodialysis Access registry revision
TEVAR registry revision for Cook Dissection PAS project
New Venous Stent registry
Varicose Vein registry major revision
New Vascular Medicine registry
INFRA & SUPRA revisions - groin incision variables

Registry Projects

These projects are conducted within the SVS PSO and only non-identifiable data (removal of patient, center and physician information) will be provided to Medtronic/Bard or the FDA. Only standard of care practice is being evaluated. For such PSO activities, patient informed consent and Institutional Review Board review are not required. Sites must follow their institutional guidelines

PATHWAYS Support

2018 Claims Validation

The support team will be notifying sites selected to participate in the 2018 claims validation process in Q3.

Upcoming Analytics Webinars

BASIC ANALYTICS - Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 2 p.m. EST

ADVANCED ANALYTICS - Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 2 p.m. EST

If you wish to register, and have not received a registration link, please contact pathwayssupport@m2s.com.

Both webinars will be recorded and posted to the Resources in PATHWAYS along with the associated Q&A.

TCAR Presentation – Dr. Frank Arko

Research Advisory Council: Dr. Todoran

Change in RAC Policies!

Policy on RAC Requests Related to Industry Studies

Policy on Device Identification for approved RAC Requests

Conflict of Interest Policies Revised based on these new Policies

All posted on the VQI Web Site

National Research Process

Proposal Submissions

December 2019

Call for Proposals: October 8, 2019

Due Date: November 18, 2019
Meeting: December 9, 2019
Notification Sent: December 10, 2019

February 2020

Call for Proposals: December 10, 2019
Due Date: January 20, 2020
Meeting: February 10, 2020
Notification Sent: February 11, 2020

No Restriction of data release based on similar projects; collaboration is encouraged
Only 1 refresh of data within 24 months of initial approval
Industry related projects need to collaborate with the steering committee/s (i.e. TCAR)
Review policy and industry charters on the web
Device Identification Policy: review on the web before submitting proposal
National Research Process
Check Approved Project List

<https://www.vqi.org/data-analysis/rac-approved-project-search/>

To submit a proposal to be considered for the National RAC, please follow the link below:

<http://abstracts123.com/svs1/meetinglogin>

Arterial Quality Council: Dr. Todoran

Opioid Workgroup is formed and charged with putting forth recommendations on how the VQI can be used to track, monitor and benchmark opioid utilization.

Continued refinement to Global Unique Device Identification Database (GUDID) integration in PVI, with planned expansion to other registries.

Initiating Future Registry Updates
Harmonizing Demographics and Meds across all registries
Updating Infra/Supra Registries
Updating OAAA

Provided Education and Clarification on recording "Other Devices" and IDEs

Regional Reports Review – Dr. Brothers and Dr. Mureebe

Dashboard – See slide deck

Comments:

- Long-Term Follow-up – Slightly lower than VQI
- D/C Meds – Slightly higher than VQI. One center uses a nurse navigator for vascular patients.
- Hemodialysis Access – Below national mark
- CAS: Stroke or Death in Hospital – Better than expected
- CEA: Stroke or Death in Hospital – Less than VQI
- CEA: LOS>1 Day – Members shared best practices – Don't operate with B/P >180 systolic, no foley, tell the patient to expect to be d/c'd next day.
- EVAR: Percentage of patients with LOS>2 days – Less than VQI
- EVAR: Rate of sac diameter at LTFU – Higher than VQI. Schedule 1 yr F/U at 1st post-op visit.
- Infra-inguinal Bypass: Rate of Major Complications – Higher than the VQI

- IVCF: Percentage of Temporary Filters w/Retrieval or Attempt at Retrieval – = to the VQI
- LEAMP: Rate of Postop Complications –
- Non-ruptured OAAA – In-hospital Mortality –
- PVI: Percentage of claudicants with ABI/Toe pressure reported before procedure –
- Suprainguinal Bypass: Rate of Major Complications – Same as VQI
- TEVAR: Rate of sac diameter at LTFU –
- EVAR: Percentage of elective patients w/AAA diameter within SVS guideline –

Crow and Confess – Membership

VQI Project Charter Presentations – Membership

1. Dr. Thomas Brothers – Decreasing LOS – Medical University of South Carolina Hospital

Venous Quality Council: Dr. Sheehan

Council and Committee Transition

Dr. Almeida is in his last year as Chair of VQC

Succession needed for VV Registry committee chair

Potential for Formation of a separate RAC for Venous

Continued Interest from United Healthcare on collaborating on Appropriateness for Ablations. Could eliminate the need for pre-authorizations.

Governing Council: Dr. Brothers

GC meeting at VAM

Vote on new Executive Committee Member - Dr. Yazan Duwayri, Emory University

Presentation on Potential New Cost Project – Expanding upon the EVAR Cost Pilot Project

Need for New RAC Policies

Revised Data Use Agreements

Non-VQI members cannot have access to VQI BDS

How to handle center id in Regional Data Sets

Grant application/funding for Spring 2020 meeting – Dr. Brothers and Dr. Mureebe

New Business:

- Lorri Bennett recognized for years of service as lead regional data manager.
- Need rep for venous RAC. Dr. Elizabeth Genovese nominated. Nominations will be requested when minutes are sent out.

Questions for Cheryl to report back:

- If VQI is a qualifying registry for CMS, then how do they get info to CMS from the registry?

Meeting Evaluation: To be included when minutes are sent out.

Next meeting:

Friday, May 1, 2020

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Grove Park Inn

Asheville, NC