Project Overview

**Problem Statement:** LTFU rate for vascular surgery cases at Piedmont Atlanta has improved over the last 2 years but remains below the VQI 75\textsuperscript{th} percentile of 88%. LTFU is important for patient outcomes tracking. By following up long term, we are able to verify that our patients are receiving the care and therapies which ensure their best health post vascular surgery.

**Goal:** To improve our overall LTFU rate by 5%, from 85.46% on our 2017 cases to 89.73% on our 2018 cases. We will achieve this increase by the publication of the Spring Report 2021.

**Scope:** This improvement will target 2018 cases only and will follow the last 2018 case through 640 days post-surgery.

**Deliverable(s):**
- Report current LTFU rate on 2018 cases
- Monthly review and reporting of Missing LTFU #s for 2018 cases
- Monthly report LTFU rate for 2018 cases
- Monthly report gap between goal and current LTFU for 2018 cases
- At the end of the project report improvement achieved and lessons learned

**Resources Required:** VQI Qry, Surgeon/representative availability to discuss progress and to help eliminate barriers

**Key Metrics**

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- Monitor Progress

**Team Members**

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