

Fall 2016 Mid Atlantic Vascular Study Group Minutes

Attendees:

Name	Position/title	Institution
Danielle Pineda	MD	Abington
Michele Seiler	Hospital Manager	Beebe
Ralph Ierardi	MD	Christiana Care
Melissa Runyen	Hospital Manager	Geisinger – Holy Spirit
Alessandro Smeraldi	MD	Geisinger Community Hospital
Azalea Barrozo	Hospital Manager	Medstar – Washington Hospital
Kim Pheifer	Hospital Manager	Meridian – Bayshore Hospital
Faisal Aziz	MD	Penn State Hershey
Eric Jaxheimer	MD	Reading Hospital
James Balshi	MD	St. Luke's Health Network (3 hospitals)
Beth Valderrama	Admin	St. Luke's Health Network (3 hospitals)
Filiz Costantini	Hospital Manager	University of Maryland
Grace Wang	MD	UPENN
Megan Fitzpatrick	Hospital Manager	UPENN
Christina Salemo	Nurse	UPENN
Heidi Martin	Hospital Manager	UPENN
Charles Blakely	Admin	UPENN
Parminder Mann	Hospital Manager	UPENN
Ron Fairman	MD	UPENN
Debbie MacAulay	Sales	M2S
*Lisa Baro	Hospital Manager	Reading Hospital
*Debra Humphrey	Hospital Manager	Barnabas Health System
*Leah Bryant	Admin	St. Luke's Health Network
*Maria Albert	Hospital Manager	Christiana Care

* Attended on line

This was the first meeting held at host institution site, at Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (rather than at the EVS meeting site). This allowed for more time for slide presentation and discussion.

The degree of missing data, as well as lack of good LTFU data was discussed. It was reiterated that entering followup data is just as important as entering procedural data. One of the limitations of VQI data has been the less than ideal amount of followup. Setting up an infrastructure to allow data managers to enter LTFU in a timely fashion should be undertaken.

Ron Fairman asked whether one year followup alone was enough for EVAR. While it is true that many practitioners continue to follow these patients in perpetuity, there are no plans to continue followup data entry beyond one year, unless the patients are participating in a surveillance study where 5 year followup is mandated.

Length of stay following EVAR and CEA remain prolonged in our region. Centers with knowledge of their own data were asked to reflect on this and institute practices to learn more of the reasons behind this and implement practices to decrease LOS. Ultrasound guidance is also not uniformly embraced across region. Dr. Wang presented the paper by Kalish et al on the use of routine ultrasound guidance in decreasing the rate of hematoma in the VSGNE.

Dr. Faisal Aziz presented the process for obtaining regional and national datasets through the RAC. He also presented data from the Venous Quality Council, which is slowly enrolling procedures.

Dr. Ralph Ierardi spoke about using VQI at Ierardi Vascular Clinic of Delaware. Dr. Eric Jaxheimer presented on his reflections about quality and continued personal outcomes assessment. Dr. Grace Wang presented on frailty and falls, and how the “ambulatory status” variable captured in VQI may predict falls during vascular patients’ hospital stay.

Deb Macaulay presented the new shared reports and analytics tools. She spoke about automated data entry from epic using Medstreaming and Qcentrix. These developments are ongoing. There will be regular webinars addressing updates, such as the update in the PVI registry, CAS registry, as well as the newly developed medicine registry. There will also be QI webinars done to enhance each center’s ability to perform QI projects.

A survey will be sent out regarding the content of the current meeting. Regarding the spring meeting, it will be held at the Union League in conjunction with the Delaware Valley Vascular Society. For the next fall meeting, it was suggested that it not take place at the same time as the EVS, since it made it challenging for surgeons to attend the meeting, as they had other meeting obligations during that time. A dinner was suggested, as was having another institution host the meeting. One idea would be to have it near the Chesapeake institutions, to increase participation from those centers. A survey will be sent out to begin this planning process and to help inform decision making.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace J. Wang