

Great Lakes Vascular Study Group
May 17, 2019
12:00pm – 3:00pm
Summa Health System Akron, Ohio
Spring Meeting Minutes

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Katharine McGinagle- University of North Carolina School of Medicine-
“Multidisciplinary Care to Improve Outcomes in Vascular Surgery”**

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Jean Starr**

- II. Introduction of the New Regional Lead Medical Director and Lead Data Managers.**
 - **New Regional Medical Director:** Dr. Eslami- UPP Vascular Surgery
 - **New Regional Lead Data Managers:** Robin Acino and Julie Mason- ProMedica Toledo Hospital

- III. National SVS PSO update: Carrie Bosela**
 - Current Stats:
 - 565 VQI Centers in North America and 1 in Singapore
 - 585,440 procedures as of 5/1/2019
 - 18 regional groups, including the newest one in Canada

 - Major update to VQI website
 - Redesign for better navigation, highlights for featured QI and News, greater focus on regions, and clearer resources section.

 - Data Audits via Pathways is underway and will continue with monthly audits
 - PSO has finalized an agreement with Q-Centrix to begin doing third party audits. Details to follow at a later date.

 - 2019 Reports
 - PSO to focus this year on reports
 - EVAR LTFU imaging update report with Risk Calculator

 - Educational Webinars
 - Close to being released are the changes to the Varicose Vein registry, New Venous Stent registry, HD registry changes, and New Medicine registry
 - Quarterly Webinars on QI projects and process.
 - 55 charters were submitted as part of the new quality domain.

 - SVS PSO work group has been formed to address national opioid epidemic with a focus on vascular patients.
 - Led by Dr. Peter Henke (University of Michigan) and will meet at VAM

 - Participation Awards for 2019:
 - 50 sites earned 3 stars, 92 sites earned 2 stars, and 54 earned 1 star (383 eligible sites)

- IV. **VQI @ VAM Highlights:**
 - June 11-12, 2019 in National Harbor, MD

- V. **GLVSG QI Posters and Presentations @ VAM**
 - **The Ohio State University**
 - i. Increasing Compliance of PVI Pre-procedural ABIs
 - **ProMedica Toledo Hospital**
 - i. Lessons Learned Following the Pathways Claims Validation
 - ii. VQI's Role in Re-establishing Patient Care Following a Transition to a New Electronic Medical Record

- VI. **Arterial Quality Council update: (given by Dr. John Moawad)**
 - Harmonizing similar help text
 - IDE device clean up
 - i. Covidien and Medtronic merged
 - General Registry Updates (Infra, Supra, and OAAA for 2019)

- VII. **Venous Quality Council update: (Carrie Bosela)**
 - Venous Stent Registry: to be released soon!
 - Varicose Vein Registry:
 - i. Revisions to decrease data entry only for "treated leg"
 - ii. Early follow up requirement changing to <30 days to capture early complications

- VIII. **Research Advisory Council update: (Dr. Eslami)**
 - Discussed replacing Dr. Eslami since he is now the Lead for the region

- IX. **Governing Council Update (given by Dr. Jean Starr)**

- X. **Regional Report Highlights:**
 - Region total procedures: 30,300 includes all procedures in VQI as of 1/31/2019, greatest volumes in PVI/CEA /EVAR
 - 2016 LTFU 69%; ***Although region is higher than national average we took a significant drop from 85% in 2015**
 - Discussion of Endo AAA LOS as a Regional Project
 - New SVS Guideline Reports Using VQI Data

General discussion:

- Better onboarding process by VQI- keeping Medical Director in the loop on potential new sites.
- Discussed having two designated sites, one in Ohio and one in Pennsylvania, for future meetings
 - New sites would like to have the option to host a meeting to show Administration importance of the registry.
 - Possible to designate same day every year for Spring and Fall meetings? i.e. third Friday in May, third Friday in Sept./ Oct.
- How to get centers that belong to actively participate more in meetings and region.

Presentations:

- **Dr. Smolock, Cleveland Clinic-** Registry Guidelines for Symptomatic vs. Asymptomatic CEA vs. CAS
 - Where did 6 month timeframe come from?
 - Symptomatic vs. Asymptomatic
- **Dr. Nolan Mann, Summa Health-** Local access related complications of percutaneous femoral arterial access in PVI using ultrasound guidance vs. anatomic landmarks
 - **Top VQI Paper-** Validation of a preoperative prediction model mortality within 1 year after endovascular aortic aneurysm repair of intact aneurysms.

Fall Meeting:

Good Samaritan Hospital willing to host, will reach out with possible dates to check for availability.