

Great Lakes Vascular Study Group

April 24th, 1:00-4:00 pm

UPMC, Shadyside

Meeting Minutes:

Attended:

Fern	Schwartz	Ms	UPMC
Michel	Makaroun	MD	UPMC
Theodore	Yuo	MD	UPMC
Donald	Baril	M.D.	UPMC
Michael	Singh	MD	UPMC
Michael	Park	MD	Cleveland Clinic
Jean	Starr	MD	Ohio State University
Karen	Janosko	RN, MSN, MBA	UPMC
Michael	Iskoe	Data Manager	UPMC
Nathan	Liang	MD	UPMC
Christina	Smith	RN	Aultman Hospital
Barbara	McCoy	CRNP	UPMC
Dean	Healy	M.D.	Allegheny Health Network
George	Al Khoury	MD	UPMC
Christopher	Washington	MD	UPMC
Rabih	Chaer	MD	UPMC
Carrie	Bosela	RN	SVS PSO
Deborah	MacAulay		M2S

On line:

Amy Jackson	Ohio Health System
Amy Morris	Ohio Health System
Deborah Thompson	Mount Carmel
Dick, Natalie	UPMC
Matt Asbury	DASpecialists
Pam Stinehart	Ohio Health System

Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Donald Baril, Medical Director

National VQI Update (see slides): Carrie Bosela

Discussed how there are currently 323 center not enrolled in VQI in 46 different states. Over 200,000 procedures entered as of the first of March.

Announced new PSO staff:

- Dan Neal, M.S. as SVS PSO Analytic Director
- Megan Mathy, PSO Admin support

Demonstrated new reporting feature in the analytics engine: The M2S PATHWAYS Analytic Engine can now display variation across centers **in the entire VQI or in a Regional Quality Group** for the variables in each procedure type, including risk-adjusted outcomes where appropriate.

Still looking for TEVAR Type B dissection participants for the 1 year study, pays \$400 per patient with no additional data entry.

Announced recent requests for participant in the Aorfix™ Prospective, Non-Randomized, Multi-Center Evaluation of the Long-Term Safety and Effectiveness of the Lombard Medical Aorfix™ AAA Flexible Stent Graft System. 5 year commitment reimbursed @ \$4000 per patient.

Discussion about receiving CME or Self-Assessment MOC credits for regional meeting attendance. CME and MOC credits are not that hard to obtain. Would prefer SVS provide safety credits. Carrie to look into this suggestion.

Regional Data Review(see slides): Dr. Donald Baril.

LTFU discussion: Goal of 80% is reasonable, but should not be a measure of performance. No penalties no rewards. JVS can mandate % of follow up for VQI to publish, but the Governing Council should not be enforcing a benchmark. If they do, expect a lot of centers to stop participating. Help the low performers but do not create a mandate. Focus should be Quality Improvement no Research and appealing to JVS.

D/C meds report: group doing well

Infra Skin prep: 44-82% center variation. N is low, need more data. Same for Bypass complications.

CEA LOS: Not meaningful without qualifying with readmissions data. Need to track 30 day data for all procedures to capture readmissions. If LOS is low but readmissions are high, useful information to know.

Arterial Quality Committee Update: Carrie Bosela for Dr. Jeffrey Prem

M2S was approved by CMS to be a QCDR: Qualified Clinical Data Registry. This will allow VQI members to meet PQRS requirements for Part B Medicare to avoid payment penalties by using measures not approved for PQRS but specifically for VQI. See attached approved list.

COPI (Center Opportunity Profile for Improvement)

Infra LOS to be released this Spring. Next two in development:

- 1-One year stroke/mortality after elective CEA/CAS for asymptomatic carotid stenosis
- 2-One year mortality after open AAA/EVAR for elective AAA less than 6cm

National QI projects:

1. Regional variation in postoperative myocardial infarction, Dr. Dan Bertges
2. Survival for patients discharged on Antiplatelets and Statins, Dr. Randall DeMartino

Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Update: Dr. Jean Starr for Dr. Dan Clair

Approved Project list on line:

http://www.vascularqualityinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/VQI_Approved_Projects_List_February-11-2015.pdf

45 National Projects

80 Regional Projects (VSGNE, Carolina's, Virginia's and Mid-Atlantic)

Venous Quality Committee Update: Carrie Bosela for Dr. Anthony Comerota

IVC Filter registry:

- 2312 procedures
- 56 centers

Varicose Vein Registry: launched January 2015

- 250 procedures in first month
- 21 centers contracted
- Focus on vein centers, integrate with vein-specific EMR vendors
 - VeinSpec
 - SonoSoft
 - StreamlineMD
 - MedStreaming
- Includes Quality of Life variables

SVS support regional group websites

- Need volunteer to work on content with Megan Mathy, SVS PSO

Expanding Participation: List of “interested” centers in the region included in the slide deck, current Great Lake members encouraged to reach out to any peers at those centers to help increase membership in the group. _

Next Meeting: Columbus, Ohio at Ohio State University: Dr. Jean Starr to host

Date/time TBD

Adjourn