

Mid-America Vascular Study Group

Tuesday, September 14, 2022

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST

JW Marriott, Grand Rapids, MI

Hybrid

Meeting Highlights/Action Items

(See regional slide deck for detailed data)

Attendance

Ashley Vavra
Andy Hoel - Northwestern
Ann Higgins (AMHiggins)
Anthony Grieff (Anthony Grieff)
Barbara Wilson
Bernadette Aulivola- Loyola
Betsy Wymer
Cathy Brancato
Chris Schulze (Chris)
Cynthia Bik
Denise Gibbens
Emily Spangler
Heather Shroyer
Irene Yu (yuir401)
Jacquelyn Medina
Jamie Holley
Jenny Chambers
James Ebaugh
Jenny Koch
Jill Andrae
Kait Polley (kpolley)
Karen Hynes
Karen Sullivan BJH
Karthik Vamanan (karrhik vamanan)
Kathy Zadek
LeighAnn Persondek
Leka Johnson
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Marc R. Garfinkel (mgarfinkel)

Mark Eskandari
Marquita Butler
Matthew Blecha (Loyola)
Megan Brown
Michelle Classen
Ravi Hasanadka
Sandy Hayob
Sarah Lear
Sherry Ragusa
Stephanie Shanklin
Toni Crow
Tracy Campin
Trisha Mock (tmock)
Trissa Babrowski

PSO Representative Attending Meeting: Betsy Wymer and Leka Johnson

- I. Welcome: Ashley Vavra, MD
 - a. Goal of meetings to support meaningful change to ensure delivery of high quality, high value care
 - b. Participation is Key

- II. Regional Data Review: Ashley Vavra, MD
 - a. PVI, Carotid, EVAR are the most common modules
 - b. Discharge Medication compliance excellent in our region
 - c. Carotid data categorized as femoral vs TCAR and symptomatic vs asymptomatic
 - i. TFEM performance in our region is doing well
 - ii. TCAR – relatively low volume
 1. Increased stroke in symptomatic patients - 2 region outliers
 - iii. CEA – doing well compared with national benchmark in both stroke and LOS. Again, wide variation in centers – a few outliers
 - d. EVAR
 - i. LOS – doing well and better than national average
 - ii. Sac Diameter Reporting- our region slightly higher than national.
 - iii. SVS AAA Diameter Guideline – slightly lower than national average
 - e. OAAA
 - i. Mortality lower than national – low volumes for everyone
 - ii. SVS Cell-Saver Guideline – Doing well at above 90%
 - iii. SVS Iliac inflow Guideline – 97%, high performing, possibly think about retiring these metrics?

- f. PVI
 - i. Claud: ABI/Toe Pressure – average performance, comparable to national average
 - g. Opportunities for Improvement
 - i. LTFU – Polling Questions
 - 1. Over 80% of participants collect long term follow-up by internal extraction vs an outside company
 - 2. Betsy did a national survey and results on website
 - 3. Factors contributing to collecting LTFU – overwhelming majority answered, “Patients unable/won’t follow-up”
 - ii. Infrainguinal Bypass
 - 1. Rates higher for major complication – leads to next topic and presentation related to Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (ERAS)
- III. Presentation: Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (See attached powerpoint)
Ashley Vavra, MD and Guest Speaker Emily Spangler, MD (Birmingham VA Medical Center)
- Recent poll (10 participants) showed over half that responded were not familiar with ERAS
 - For those who do have ERAS, it is done for LE Bypass
 - Many of the participants interested in starting an ERAS program
- IV. National VQI Update: Betsy Wymer
- a. Close to 1,000,000 cases in registry!
 - b. Upcoming Infra/Supra Revisions
 - c. Addition of data managers to registry committees – if interested, contact Caroline Morgan
 - d. Pathways has a Support Tab/Training Schedule where you can register for trainings
 - e. A new VQI website coming in October
- V. Updates (AQC, VQC, RAC, Medical Director):
- a. New MAVSG Associate Medical Director, Dr. Andrew Hoel, Northwestern Memorial Hospital
 - b. MAVSG Venous RAC Chair
 - i. Will reopen Spring 2023
 - c. AQC – Trissa Babrowski, MD
 - i. Approval to harmonize chronic anticoagulation across arterial registries
 - ii. Projected release of infra/supra revisions Q1 2023

- iii. Web based risk calculator update for various modules – compares with average risk
 - iv. Discussing the potential for a new National Quality Initiative of Smoking Cessation
 - d. VQC – Ravi Hasanadka, MD
 - i. Looking at various ideas, anticoagulation after venous stents, C2 disease for varicose veins, and IV temporary filter retrieval
 - e. RAC – Betsy Wymer presenting slides for Kamal Gupta, MD
 - i. Need encouragement for Mid-America group
 - ii. New videos on website

- VI. Governing Council Update: Ashley Vavra, MD
 - a. Cedaron is now a VQI reseller – automates data collection and validation
 - b. PSO risk calculator will be on website

- VII. Action Items:
 - a. OAAA Module -SVS Iliac inflow Guideline – Since we are at 97%, should we think about retiring this metric?

- VIII. Next Meeting:
 - a. Spring 2022: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 1-4pm CT at Northwestern in Chicago, IL
 - b. If anyone has topics, research, or a quality project to discuss, please contact Ashley Vavra at ashley.vavra@nm.org or Tracy Campin at tcampin@nebraskamed.com