

Mid-America Vascular Study Group

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM CST

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Arkes Pavilion, Chicago, IL

Hybrid

Meeting Highlights/Action Items

(See regional slide deck for detailed data)

On site attendance: Ashley Vavra, Andrew Hoel, Melissa Latus, Tracy Campin, Julie Mertz, Stephanie Shanklin

Remote attendance: Amanda Quinlan, Amy Skeeters, Angela Hill, Angie Schoon, Anthony Grieff, Ashli Melon, Betsy Wymer, Brian Wheatley, Carlos Bechara, Casey Cardin, Cathy Brancato, Chris G, Christy Kistner, Cindy Hou, Cindy Spears, Connie Gewirtz, Corrine Benacka, Cynthia Bik, Dan O'Keefe, Darcy Blayney, Denise Gibbens, Binatu E., Dr. Jeff Trachtenberg, Gary Mangold, Harold Hsu, Heather Shroyer, Jacoby Stieler, Jan Pleuler-Fritsch, Jane Peterson, JaneAnne Parker, James Ebaugh, Jen Correa, Jennifer Miller, Joedd Bigggs, Jonathan Thompson, JParker, Juliann Barry, K Vamanan, Kaityn Polley, Karen Ho, Karen Hynes, Karen Sullivan, Karthik Vamanan, Kathleen Carril, Khalil Qato, Leka Johnson, Linda Grdina, Lindsey Geick, Marquita Butler, Mary Jo Ramey, Matt Shane, Matthew Blecha, Matthew Bunte, Megan Brown, Michelle Classen, M.Ramey, Muzammil Aziz, Natalie Hayes, Ravi Hasanadka, Sarah Lear, SM Hettenhausen, S.Ragusa, Toni Crow, Trisha Mock, Trissa Babrowski, Wendy Rockey

PSO Representative Attending Meeting: Melissa Latus and Jim Wadzinski

- 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. Updates to Spring 2023 Regional Quality Report
 - i. Preop Smoking and Smoking Cessation Report added
 - b. Mid-America sits in middle (9th of 18) of other regions for procedure volume
 - c. Positive Performance in the following areas in our region
 - i. Discharge Medication Compliance – 88%

- ii. Carotid Disease – low stroke/death rates
 - iii. Aneurysm Disease
 - iv. PAD-ABI/toe pressure measurement
- d. EVAR
 - i. LOS/Sac Diameter Reporting/AAA Diameter Guideline– doing well and better than national average
- e. TEVAR
 - i. Sac Diameter Reporting – slightly below national benchmark at 56.6%
- f. OAAA
 - i. Mortality lower than national – low volumes for everyone
 - ii. SVS Cell-Saver Guideline – Doing well at 93.6% and better than national benchmark
 - iii. SVS Iliac inflow Guideline – 96.4%, high performing
- g. PVI
 - i. Claud: ABI/Toe Pressure – 70.6%, slightly above national benchmark
 - ii. Discussed having additional reporting measures for this module. Send ideas to Melissa or Jim
- h. Pre-op Smoking
 - i. Our region at 31% - on par with national benchmark at 30%
- i. Smoking Cessation
 - i. Our region at 23%, slightly lower than national benchmark at 26%
- j. HAD:
 - i. Primary AVF vs. Graft: Region doing very well at 88.8%
 - ii. Ultrasound Vein Mapping: lower than national benchmark 71%
 - iii. Postop Complications: 0%
- k. LTFU
 - i. Improved rates at 76% in 2020 compared to 64% in 2019
- l. Opportunities for Improvement
 - i. IVCF: Filter Retrieval Reporting –
 - 1. 41.4% vs national 57.1%
 - 2. % not retrieved due to no follow-up – 50%
 - ii. Infrainguinal Bypass
 - 1. Rates higher for major complication – 7.5% vs 4.7% nationally
 - iii. Suprainguinal Bypass
 - 1. Rates higher for major complication – 11.4% vs 8.2% nationally
 - iv. Discussed how to lower these complications, as we are the highest in all 18 regions. Possibly have a speaker from one of the other regions who are doing well.

- III. Presentation: LTFU Toolkit (See attached powerpoint) Betsy Wymer
 - a. VQI governing policy specific for LTFU at one year
 - b. Need for some surveillance projects (TCAR)
 - c. LTFU 2 years behind the given procedure timeframe
 - d. Training available on Pathways Support Tab
 - e. LTFU Charters have been completed by other centers – Quarterly focus calls available
 - f. Example poster presentations displayed
 - g. Participation awards – LTFU 40% weighted
- IV. Presentation: Long Term Follow Up – Stephanie Shanklin
 - a. Keep running list of incomplete followups/recheck list weekly
 - b. If no followup in last 18 months, contact office to reattempt scheduling a visit
 - c. 2019 – 58% completion vs 2020 – 90% completion
 - d. Remaining barriers
 - i. PVI claudication documentation
 - ii. Dependent on office for calls and scheduling
- V. Mid-America Lead Data Manager Update – Tracy Campin
 - a. Discussed possibly returning to an all-day regional meeting with morning for data managers and afternoon with data review/presentations
 - b. Group poll showed majority in favor of returning to this format for at least one of the regional meetings
- VI. National VQI Update: Melissa Latus
 - a. Work underway to decrease data entry burden
 - b. 992 VQI Centers
 - c. Over 1,000,000 cases
 - d. VQI@VAM June 13-14, 2023 outside of Washington, DC
 - e. New VQI website
 - f. Jeff Yoder – new statistician
 - g. Data Integrity Audits started this spring
 - h. SVS PSO Quality Fellowship In Training (FIT) Program started. Contact Betsy Wymer if interested in becoming a FIT mentor
- VII. Updates (AQC, VQC, RAC, Medical Director):
 - a. AQC – Trissa Babrowski, MD
 - i. OAAA Major Revision – will be renamed to accurately capture registry intent and include iliac to left subclavian
 - b. VQC – Ravi Hasanadka, MD

- i. Focusing on new center recruitment and brainstorming new reporting measures
 - ii. Melissa Latus is PSO primary point of contact on status or refresh request
- c. RAC –Kamal Gupta, MD
 - i. 194 publications in 2022
 - ii. Venous RAC started in July 2020

VIII. Governing Council Update: Ashley Vavra, MD

- a. Smoking Cessation as a National Quality Initiative
- b. 2022 – record # of charters – 113!
- c. Frailty variable development
- d. Reviewing data burden within each registry

IX. Action Items:

- a. Discussed having additional reporting measures for this module. Send ideas to Melissa or Jim
- b. High INFRA complication rate – look at getting a presenter from another region that is doing well
- c. Midwest Region has low LOS in symptomatic carotid patients – Ask Dr. Lemon to present at future meeting
- d. Discussed returning to at least one all-day meeting and possibly combining with the 2024 National Meeting in Chicago, IL

X. Next Meeting:

- a. Fall 2023, Wednesday September 6th. In conjunction with Midwestern Vascular Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN