Welcome and Introductions – Grace Wang, MD

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction: Grace Wang, MD
- National VQI Update: Cheryl Jackson, RN, SVS PSO
- AQC Update: Grace Wang, MD
- VQC Update: Grace Wang, MD
- RAC Update: Grace Wang, MD
- GC Committee Update: Grace Wang, MD
- Regional Data Review: Grace Wang, MD
- Meeting Evaluation: Grace Wang, MD

National VQI Update: Cheryl Jackson, RN, SVS PSO

SVS PSO Staffing Update:

New Director of Analytics
Kristopher Huffman has been hired
Kristopher comes to us from ACS NSQIP
Kristopher started on September 3rd
Dan Neal will continue as a part-time employee of the PSO

Positioned filled for Clinical Operations Associate
Caroline Morgan, BSN has been hired as the new Clinical Operations Associate
Caroline will:
- assist with data audits, responding to clinical questions and updating and maintaining the registries
- be the lead interface with regional data managers
- attend regional and national meetings
Caroline comes from NCDR, where she was in charge of their ICD, Afib Ablation and PVI registries
Caroline starts on September 30th

SVS PSO will be hiring an Associate Medical Director
An RFA will be issued by the end of August and the position will be filled by March 2020
Position will report to the PSO’s Medical Director, Dr. Jens Eldrup-Jorgensen
The initial focus will be to assist the SVS PSO Medical Director and SVS PSO staff, with guidance and oversight its clinical operations.
There will be a specific emphasis placed on attaining a deep understanding of the construct of the variables in each SVS VQI registry and then assisting with the development and maintenance of the registries and associated reporting and analytics.

VQI@VAM Highlights: See slide deck
Participation Awards: 2019

Scoring
- LTFU (40%)
- Regional Meeting attendance (30%)
- QI Project (20%)
- Registry subscriptions (10%)

Participation Committee is in the process of reviewing criteria for 2020 awards

3 Star recipients received certificates at the Spring Regional and National Meeting

View pictures on your region’s website at www.vqi.org

For general inquiries about the Participation Awards, please contact Cheryl Jackson at CJACKSON@SVSPSO.ORG or Jim Wadzinski at JWADZINSKI@SVSPSO.ORG.

Submit Project Charters and supporting documentation for presentations and posters to QI@SVSPSO.ORG or cjackson@svspso.org.

Visit the VQI Members Only Website for webinars and presentations on VQI Quality Improvement Projects. www.vqi.org

2019 Reports:

Quarter 1:
- Spring Regional Reports,
- QI Update: EVAR LTFU Imaging Update/Risk Calculator

Performance Awards

Quarter 2:
- QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging
- Center and System Dashboards

Quarter 3:
- Fall Regional Reports
- QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging
- Center and System Dashboards

Quarter 4:
- QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging

Registry Updates:

- Hemodialysis Access: In development and will be released in Q3 2019
- Vascular Medicine Registry: Specifications finalized, to be released in Q4 2019
- Varicose Vein: Specifications finalized, to be released in Q4 2019
- Venous Stent Registry: Specifications finalized, to be released in Q4 2019

M2S Updates and Technology Updates

- Implement GUDID integration for PVI balloons and atherectomy (on PVI comprehensive form). Released on 5/22/2019
- Add Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) as an optional patient identifier. Released on 6/5/2019
- Across-registry change on Patient Details page. Released on 6/5/2019
- Allow Follow-up links to display for all procedures even when an exclusion rule is met

Exclusion rules include:
- Carotid Artery Stent registry: If all arteries treated are Technical Failure then the procedure is excluded.
Endo AAA Repair: If converted to Open, then a follow-up EVAR form is not required.
PVI registry: If all arteries treated are Technical Failure or Unable to Treat then the procedure is excluded.
Thoracic and Complex EVAR: If the 'Aortic Device Implanted = No' then treat the procedure as Technical Failure, or if converted to Open do not require a follow-up on the TEVAR form.
Universal: If death is recorded on an index procedure, no follow-up is required for that procedure. This procedure will be excluded.

- PVI Revision - update PVI Closure Device Type Right/Left. Released on 6/26/2019
- Across-registry revision - retire Healthcare Insurance Claims Number (HICN) variable. Released on 7/24/2019
  HICN field was retired on:
  - Carotid Endarterectomy
  - Hemodialysis Access
  - IVC Filter
  - Infra-inguinal Bypass
  - Supra-inguinal Bypass
  - Lower Extremity Amputation
  - Open AAA Repair
  - TEVAR

- Other Development Projects to be released in 2019
  - Hemodialysis Access registry revision
  - TEVAR registry revision for Cook Dissection PAS project
  - New Venous Stent registry
  - Varicose Vein registry major revision
  - New Vascular Medicine registry
  - INFRA & SUPRA revisions - groin incision variables

Registry Projects
These projects are conducted within the SVS PSO and only non-identifiable data (removal of patient, center and physician information) will be provided to Medtronic/Bard or the FDA. Only standard of care practice is being evaluated. For such PSO activities, patient informed consent and Institutional Review Board review are not required. Sites must follow their institutional guidelines

PATHWAYS Support
2018 Claims Validation
The support team will be notifying sites selected to participate in the 2018 claims validation process in Q3.

Upcoming Analytics Webinars
BASIC ANALYTICS - Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 2 p.m. EST
ADVANCED ANALYTICS - Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 2 p.m. EST
If you wish to register, and have not received a registration link, please contact pathwayssupport@m2s.com.
Both webinars will be recorded and posted to the Resources in PATHWAYS along with the associated Q&A.

Research Advisory Council: Grace Wang, MD
Change in RAC Policies!
Policy on RAC Requests Related to Industry Studies
Policy on Device Identification for approved RAC Requests
Conflict of Interest Policies Revised based on these new Policies
All posted on the VQI Web Site

**National Research Process**
Proposal Submissions

**October 2019**
Call for Proposals: August 13, 2019
Due Date: September 16, 2019
Meeting: October 7, 2019
Notification Sent: October 8, 2019

**December 2019**
Call for Proposals: October 8, 2019
Due Date: November 18, 2019
Meeting: December 9, 2019
Notification Sent: December 10, 2019

**RAC Update**
No Restriction of data release based on similar projects; collaboration is encouraged
Only 1 refresh of data within 24 months of initial approval
Industry related projects need to collaborate with the steering committee/s (i.e. TCAR)
Review policy and industry charters on the web
Device Identification Policy: review on the web before submitting proposal

Check Approved Project List
https://www.vqi.org/data-analysis/rac-approved-project-search/

To submit a proposal to be considered for the National RAC, please follow the link below:
http://abstracts123.com/svs1/meetinglogin

**Arterial Quality Council: Grace Wang, MD**
Opioid Workgroup is formed and charged with putting forth recommendations on how the VQI can be used to track, monitor and benchmark opioid utilization.

Continued refinement to Global Unique Device Identification Database (GUDID) integration in PVI, with planned expansion to other registries.

Initiating Future Registry Updates
- Harmonizing Demographics and Meds across all registries
- Updating Infra/Supra Registries
- Updating OAAA

Provided Education and Clarification on recording “Other Devices” and IDEs

**Venous Quality Council: Faisal Aziz, MD**
Council and Committee Transition
Dr. Almeida is in his last year as Chair of VQC
Succession needed for VV Registry committee chair
Potential for Formation of a separate RAC for Venous

Continued Interest from United Healthcare on collaborating on Appropriateness for Ablations. Could eliminate the need for pre-authorizations.

**Governing Council: Grace Wang, MD**

GC meeting at VAM
Vote on new Executive Committee Member - Dr. Yazan Duwayri, Emory University
Presentation on Potential New Cost Project – Expanding upon the EVAR Cost Pilot Project
Need for New RAC Policies
Revised Data Use Agreements
Non-VQI members cannot have access to VQI BDS
How to handle center id in Regional Data Sets

**Regional Data Review – Grace Wang, MD**

Dashboard – See slide deck

Comments:

- Long-Term Follow-up – Slightly higher than the VQI overall. Room for improvement.
- D/C Meds – Equal with the VQI. Making progress.
- Hemodialysis Access – Slightly lower rate of using fistula as primary.
- CAS: Stroke or Death – Rate is lower than the VQI.
- CEA: Stroke or Death – Rate is lower than the VQI.
- CEA: LOS>1 Day – Slightly lower than VQI. Although the region ranges from 4% to 65%. There are outliers with centers keeping elective patients > than 1day.
- EVAR: Percentage of patients with LOS>2 days – Slightly higher than VQI.
- EVAR: Rate of sac diameter at LTFU – higher than VQI. But only at 69%. Needs to be higher. Discussed barriers for getting patients back for imaging.
- Infra-inguinal Bypass: Rate of major complications – Higher than VQI.
- PVI: Percentage of claudicants wit ABI/Toe pressure reported before procedure – Higher than VQI. One center t 100% and 2 four others >90%!
- TEVAR: Rate of sac diameter at LTFU – higher than VQI. But only at 69%. Needs to be higher. Discussed barriers for getting patients back for imaging – some are trauma patients.
- EVAR: Percentage of elective patients w/AAA diameter within SVS guideline – equal to the VQI.

**Presentations:**

- UPenn – “National trends in IVCF placement and retrieval” given by Dr. Nathan Belkin, 3rd year integrated resident.

**Next meeting:**

- Spring 2020 - The Union League, April 30th.