

**Mid-South Vascular Study Group**  
**October 23, 2023**  
**5:00-7:30 PM ET / 4:00-6:30 PM CT**  
**Remote**

Meeting Highlights/Action Items

(See regional slides for detailed data)

I. Presentations:

No Presentations

II. Regional Quality Report Highlights

- a. Welcome Morristown-Hamblen to the study group.
- b. LTFU rates continue to look good, with our region above the VQI national average. Top-performing centers have access to outpatient medical records and clinic notes, strong abstraction teams, and good communication with Vascular Surgery offices.
- c. Discharge medications rate = VQI overall rate. Success attributed to thorough discharge summaries, compliance with discharge pathways and protocols.
- d. Pre-operative Smoking is highest in nation. Smoking Cessation is below national average, but is historically a difficult metric to improve due. Possibly influenced by the way the metric is reported, will likely be reviewed in the upcoming Data Integrity Audits.
- e. Shwon improvement in EVAR Sac Diameter. Adding measurement to office note increases success of metric, as it is not always documented on Radiology report.
- f. OAAA Cell-Saver – our best performance in past four years.

III. VQI National Update

- a. Website announcements
- b. Readmission study – University of Rochester
- c. Retired variables
- d. OAAA module update - Q1 2024
- e. Physician snapshots for carotid treatments available
- f. RAC submission guidelines
- g. Vascular Verification Program
- h. AQC and VQC updates

IV. Next Meeting:

- a. SVS/PSO to send out doodle poll for group preference of meeting format (remote, in-person, hybrid), day of the week, and best meeting time.