

Carolina's Vascular Quality Study Group
Fall Meeting-November 6, 2015
Minutes

Welcome/ Introductions: Dr. Jeb Hallett, Membership.

Update on National VQI (Nadine Caputo- SVS/PSO):

- There are currently 359 participating centers (46 states + Ontario, and there are now 18 regional groups.
- Long Term follow-up standards reviewed with new information regarding "required fields" and site performance to be measured.
- The goal remains 80%- if not reached, probation period.
- Recognition Award (per site) reviewed with membership.
- PAD Medicine Registry discussed including board membership and scope. PAD will be available in Spring 2016.
- VQI Physician Reports demo with EPIC update. Website information to be emailed to group, along with EPIC Template (emailed on November 6th at 3:30pm.)
- EVAR Cost Pilot introduced- planning meeting will be at VAM 2015. Goal of the pilot project is to combine hospital cost data with detailed clinical data to accurately benchmark similar procedures.
- Status on VQI Projects given: Device Surveillance Project, TEVAR, Lombard Aorfix, STAAR discussed.

The Regional Reports (Dr. Jeb Hallett) with comments from some of our top performers:

Membership brought their site specific copies to the meeting, along with their updated LTF data prepared by their site coordinator.

- Review of LTFU Reports 2013. All 2013 LTF due by December 31, 2015.
- Review of Regional Report- membership.
- Presentations were given by top performers:
 - LTF- Dr. Hobson (Self Regional Medical Center)
 - Chlorahexadine Usage- Dr. Vallabhaneni (UNC)
 - Ultrasound Access- Dr. Workman (Novant- Forsythe)
 - Statin/Antiplatelet Usage - Dr. Brothers (MUSC)
- There have been 3 Quarterly COPI reports to date. Please contact VQI if you did not receive them.

**Membership requested: Minutes from May Coordinator's Meeting LTF discussion, and with recommendations to increase LTF from top performer, and the "LTF Member" Business Card Template (see attachments to minutes).*

Guest Speaker: "Coming Shortage of Vascular Surgeons" (Mr. Doug Bowling):

- Causes of coming shortage.
- Projections for future volume needed.
- Gender and Generational differences.
- Questions asked and the data.

Regional RAC Update (Dr. T. Brothers and Dr. R. Vallabhaneni):

Dr. Brothers- Review the process for submitting a research project to our regional RAC/National RAC (emailed as attachment with meeting minutes).

Update on National RAC Project:

- Dr. Brothers- Recently approved National RAC Project: "Do African Americans Experience Better Survival after Intervention for PVD?" Dr. Brothers just received file from national, and will give update to group at the May 2016 meeting.

Updates on Regional Projects:

- Dr. Brothers- "Predicting the Best Therapy for PAD Using the VQI".
- Dr. Vallabhaneni- "Evaluation of the Impact of Smoking on LE Revascularization for Claudicants". Membership had question regarding in our regional group- what is our cc rate for % Percutaneous femoral PVI using Ultrasound guidance?- Dr. Vallabhaneni to inquire and report back to group at May meeting.

**Membership had question regarding Chlorahexadine Prep Pre-Op: some of our sites have patients take a Chlorahexadine shower the night before surgery and the day of surgery use Duraprep/ Ioban sheet. Does this use of Chlorahexadine count as pre-op?*

Question was given to national VQI:

Dr. Dennis Gable answered question: It only counts when done as the prep in the OR.

Membership requested for RAC "Application for Research" be re-sent (see attachment to minutes).

Selection of 2016 Regional Quality Goals (Dr. Hallett/Membership):

- Every patient receives best medical Rx with a statin and antiplatelet agent
- Limb salvage is improved (less infection, less amputation)
- Length of stay is reduced for every procedure
- EVAR surveillance and costs are optimized
- PVI complications are reduced
- Follow-up is improved

At the request of SVS – Vote to Approve/Disapprove:

“Have center identified with a key handed out at the regional meetings for more transparency for long Term Follow-up. As this is a process measure and not an outcome measure, PSO rules will allow this.

This is a policy issue not related to PSO regulation. “

*This data would not be available until spring 2016.

Members Voted- Disapprove.

Rationale for vote: membership is transparent- top performers present, and membership has option of identifying themselves. Membership is a mature group, and a bond of trust has already been established- which would be lessened if this motion was passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

CVQSG Spring Meeting: May 6, 2016 at the The Grove Park Inn, in Asheville NC