

Nor Cal Vascular Study Group

February 25, 2016 2:00-4:00pm

Squaw Creek Resort

Lake Tahoe, CA

Meeting Minutes:

Attended: Tej Singh, Medical Director

Name	Position	Center
Kay Behan	Data Manager	UC Davis
John Carson	MD	UC Davis
John Laird	MD	UC Davis
Daniel Link	MD	UC Davis
Cindi Matsumoto	Data Manager	UC Davis
David Dawson	MD	UC Davis
Nasim Hedayati	MD	UC Davis
Joe DeBose	MD	UC Davis
Tej Singh	MD, Medical Director	PAMF & EICamino
Caroline Dudley	PA	PAMF & EICamino
Lily Toy	Admin	PAMF & Stanford
Michelle Cantrel	FNP	PAMF
Dirk Bauman	MD	PAMF
John Beare	MD	PAMF
Ed Aboian	MD	PAMF & Sequoia
Ron Dalman	MD	Stanford
Carlos Moreno	Data Manager	Stanford
Laura Concepcion	Admin	Stanford
Sandi Wong	Data Manager	Sequoia
Deborah MacAulay	Sales	M2S
Carrie Bosela	RN	SVS PSO

Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Tej Singh, Medical Director

- I. Expanding Participation:
 - Dr. Dawson to partner with Dr. Singh
 - Peninsula and Central region
- II. Support Data Manager meetings
- III. Web-site Volunteer to work on content with SVS
- IV. Regional Projects Goals for 2016
- V. Partner with Southern California once a year: December meeting
- VI. Standard Calendar

VII. Committee appointments:

- Arterial Quality Council: Ed Aboian, MD
- Venous Quality Council: Nasim Hedayati, MD
- Research Advisory Council: Mathew Mell, MD

National VQI Update (see slides): Carrie Bosela

First Annual VQ Meeting: June 8, 2016 National Harbor, MD (SVS annual meeting)

- 8:00am to 12:00 pm Data Managers Session
 - Anatomy
 - PVI case abstraction
 - Producing and Interpreting Reports
- 12:00pm to 4:30pm All VQI Participants
 - Key Note Speaker: QI process
 - VQI QI success stories
 - VQI Toolkit to assist with local QI efforts
 - Sustaining QI

Discussed how there are currently 376 center now enrolled in VQI in 46 different states. Over 270,000 procedures entered as of the first of the first of October.

2016 SVS PSO Recognition Award with points rewarded for: 1) physician and ancillary staff attendance at regional meetings; 2) long-term F/U percentage and 3) number of procedure groups the site participates in

- Centers with LTFU less than 50% will receive mentoring from a peer advisor and a LTFU toolkit from the PSO to assist them in improving their LTFU rates

Vascular Medicine Registry to be released by the end of 2016. Focus on Medical Management of Carotid, Aortic and Lower Extremity vascular disease.

EVAR Cost Project with MedAssets: 18 VQI sites participating in Pilot

- Understanding the economics of vascular procedures is critically important
- Combined hospital cost data (MedAssets) with detailed clinical data (VQI) to accurately benchmark similar procedures

EPIC Update:

- Dr. Michael Stoner and Lisa Spellman at University of Rochester
- Working with Epic to build CEA form that can be transferred via JSON file to M2S
- Work should be done and ready for testing end of April 2016
- “How to” documentation will be shared with all VQI EPIC users

Meaningful Use:

VQI meets objective 10, measure 3: use of a specialized registry for meaningful use per CMS only if members subscribe and use “DATA IMPORT” feature of VQI. Contact Pathwaysupport@m2s.com for more information about data import.

MACRA

- MIPS and APMs are two payment alternatives that encourage value based rather than volume based reimbursement.
- Physicians who receive payment from Medicare are required to participate in MIPS or APMs.
- Specifications and requirements are still being finalized by CMS.

MIPS

- MIPS begins with payment adjustments in 2019 based on quality data reported in 2017. MIPS adjustments, either positive or negative will start at 4% up to 9% in 2022. MIPS scores will be based on 4 domains; quality of care, resource use, meaningful use of EHRs and participation in clinical practice improvement activities – these are still being finalized by CMS.

APM

- For APMs, beginning in 2019, physicians who successfully participate in an APM can receive incentive payments of 5% per year. It requires some financial risk for the provider and requirements can be met if a provider is in a patient centered medical home or ACO. Providers must meet increasing thresholds annually for percentage of revenue received through APMS.
- SVS is developing a *disease specific APM for vascular surgeons* in collaboration with ACS and researchers from Brandeis University who developed the original episode payment program for CMS.

Regional Data Review(see slides): Tej Singh, MD

- I. Long Term follow up 41% for region: need to work on this as a QI project this year
- II. Discharge Antiplatelet and Statin possible QI project; region currently at 70%. Southern California created letters for their patients and primary care provider. Link below to edit and make personal to your site:
<http://www.vascularqualityinitiative.org/components-of-the-vqi/regional-quality-groups/current-regional-quality-groups/southern-california-voice/sc-voice-quality-initiatives/hospital-setting/>

- III. Top performing region (Nor Cal); possible research project/publication:
- a. PVI ultrasound guidance
 - b. EVAR sac diameter at one year
 - c. CEA length of stay
 - d. CEA stroke or death

Arterial Quality Committee Update: Tej Singh

PVI form being revised, minor and major revisions reviewed and discussed. Release in next couple of months. PSO has started data auditing using statistical methods of identifying out of range data, highly improbable data combinations (i.e. claudicant in a wheelchair). PSO staff is contacting sites to inquiry about these findings to review and possible update the data.

Venous Quality Committee Update: Carrie Bosela

IVC Filter: 4778 procedures

- Current workgroup developing an IVC filter retrieval reminder report/email notification
- CMS Quality Measure: Appropriate management of Retrievable IVC filters

Varicose Veins: 3245 procedures

- Focus on vein centers, integrate with vein-specific EMR vendors
 - VeinSpec
 - SonoSoft
 - StreamlineMD
 - MedStreaming
- Includes Quality of Life variables

Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Update: Dr. Mathew Mell

National Proposals New Portal for Submission:

<http://abstracts123.com/svs1/>

Pathways Development Update: not reviewed see attached slides

Expanding Participation: List of “interested” centers in the region included in the slide deck, current Nor Cal VSG members encouraged to reach out to any peers at those centers to help increase membership in the group.

Next Meeting: Standard Calendar to meet every September and February, next meeting at PAMF Friday night dinner and guest speakers, business meeting Saturday am (Date TBD)