

Northern California Vascular Study Group

4/30/2022, Saturday

8am – 11am, Remote

I. Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Matthew Mell, MD

- **Remote attendance:**
 1. Betsy Wymer (SVS)
 2. Leka Johnson (SVS)
 3. Jens Jorgensen (SVS PSO)
 4. Matthew Mell (UC Davis Health)
 5. Ritu Karki Sitaula (UC Davis Health)
 6. Steven Maximus (UC Davis Health)
 7. Allison Donnalley (UC Davis Health)
 8. Christina Philip (UC Davis Health)
 9. Carlos Moreno (Stanford)
 10. James Iannuzzi (UCSF)
 11. Joyce Nacario (UCSF)
 12. Jason Lee
 13. Marsha McRorie
 14. Mike Conte
 15. Pam Lasiter
 16. Ron Dalman
 17. Rochelyn Fallorina (Stanford)

II. National VQI Update: Betsy Wymer, SVS PSO

- 928 VQI Centers, *927 centers in North America, 1 center in Singapore*
- A new VQI.org experience is coming! New look and feel, fresh content, and improved navigation. Our goal is to showcase the new site at VQI@VAM
- **Circulatory System Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee Meeting: Nov 2, 2021** – Day #1, Benefit-risk profile of the Endologix AFX endovascular graft system with regards to the risk of Type III endoleaks . Nov 3, 2021 – Day #2, Real World Surveillance of AAA Endovascular Stent Grafts
- **FDA - Circulatory System Devices Panel Endologix/Type III EL & RWE on EVAR:** Endologix AFX has history of increased Type III endoleaks – Panel expressed concerns about role of AFX 2. Mitigation efforts taken. Further steps underway with FDA, industry and VQI. Real World Evidence plays an important role in analyzing EVAR. Follow up 5-10 years

III. PSO Representative Attending Meeting:

- **Trainee Program Update:**

- Mentor based 12–18-month program
 - Regional meetings, center data review
 - Quality and research opportunities
 - VQI@VAM
 - Chance to be selected for scholarship
 - Quarterly check-ins with SVS PSO staff
 - Satisfaction surveys, feedback
 - Glemmon@svspso.org or bwymmer@svspso.org
 - Sign up to be a mentor
 - Next Trainee application – January 2023
 - Check www.vqi.org frequently
 - <https://www.vqi.org/quality-fellowship-in-training-fit-program/>
- Participation Award Results



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Center**



- **VQC : Nasim Hedayati, MD, Update: Betsy Wymer**
 - SVS created a separate Venous RAC
 - [The Vascular Quality Initiative - National Venous RAC Schedule \(vqi.org\)](http://www.vqi.org)
 - 2021: 3 proposals
 - Incidence of venous thromboembolic events (VTE) after endovenous ablation in patients with venous stasis ulcers (C6 disease): **Jaime Benarroch-Gampel**
 - Impact of Treatment Length and Treatment Region on Clinical Outcomes after Varicose Vein Procedures: **Halbert Bai**

- Safety and efficacy of endovenous ablation in patients with a history of DVT:
 - Mikel Sadek**
 - AVF meeting
 - February 23rd - 26th, 2022
- **Arterial research Advisory Council: James Iannuzzi, MD**
 - Dr. Leila Mureebe,
 - SVS PSO Associate Medical Director
 - Creating videos on how to submit a RAC Proposal for “success”
 - Creating useful tools and tips to train new investigators
- **Governing Council Update: Matthew Mell, MD**
 - Dr. Lemmon provided an updated on the VQI Fellows in Training program
 - The Governing Council provided input on the PSO 2022/2023 software development activities
 - Dr. Jorgensen provided an update on the FDA panel discussions regarding type 3 endoleaks
 - Kristopher Huffman presented the PSO’s strategy around the development and maintenance of Risk Calculators
 - Venous Quality Council Chair -Nominations close 4/25
 - Venous RAC Chair
 - One nomination but ineligible due to non-enrollment in venous registry
 - Personal outreach to Norcal regional centers enrolled in venous registries occurred via email
- **Regional Data review: Matthew Mell, MD (see slides)**
- **Presentations:**
 - Case Presentations – James Iannuzzi, MD, MPH, RPVI
 - Assistant Professor of Surgery; Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
 - Co-Director, Collaborative for Surgical Health Outcomes and Research in Equity (C-SHORE)
 - Department of Surgery, UCSF
 - Sex-based Disparities in Statin Prescription Erased Following Implementation of Universal Documentation Practices**
- **Action Items (including QI projects):** Continue Effort on current projects. Help other centers reach their goal.
- **Next Meeting:** October 8th, Remote