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National VQI Update: Cheryl Jackson, RN, SVS PSO

SVS PSO Staffing Update:
Kristopher Huffman has been hired as the new Director of Analytics
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 started 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: Wayne Zhang, 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
December 2019
Call for Proposals: October 8, 2019
Due Date: November 18, 2019
Meeting: December 9, 2019
Notification Sent: December 10, 2019

**February 2020**
Call for Proposals: December 10, 2019
Due Date: January 20, 2020
Meeting: February 10, 2020
Notification Sent: February 11, 2020

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
National Research Process
Check Approved Project List
[https://www.vqi.org/data-analysis/rac-approved-project-search/](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](http://abstracts123.com/svs1/meetinglogin)

**Arterial Quality Council: Nam Tran, 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: Cheryl Jackson, SVS PSO**
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: Stephen Murray, 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 – Stephen Murray, MD**

Dashboard – See slide deck

Comments:

- Long-Term Follow-up – Lower than the VQI and much lower than the last report. Maybe this should be a regional QI project?
- D/C Meds – Slightly higher than the VQI overall
- Hemodialysis Access – No regional data
- CAS: Stroke or Death in Hospital – Slightly higher than the VQI overall
- CEA: Stroke or Death in Hospital – Much lower than the VQI overall
- CEA: LOS>1 Day – Even with the VQI overall
- EVAR: Percentage of patients with LOS>2 days – Slightly less than the VQI overall
- EVAR: Rate of sac diameter at LTFU – Lower than the VQI overall. All patients need to have sac diameters measured. What are the causes for not having a measurement recorded if the patient is being seen? Some documentation is not adequate by the radiologist reading the imaging – reporting “stable” s opposed to giving a number. Some patients seen by PCP due to numerous reasons (distance, insurance). The visit is captured, but imaging is not being done or recorded. Maybe this should be a regional QI project?
- Infra-inguinal Bypass: Rate of Major Complications – Even with the VQI overall
- IVCF: Percentage of Temporary Filters w/Retrieval or Attempt at Retrieval - No regional data
- LEAMP: Rate of Postop Complications – No regional data
- Non-ruptured OAAA – In-hospital Mortality – No regional data
- PVI: Percentage of claudicants with ABI/Toe pressure reported before procedure – Slightly higher than the VQI overall
- Suprainguinal Bypass: Rate of Major Complications – No regional data
- TEVAR: Rate of sac diameter at LTFU – No regional data
- EVAR: Percentage of elective patients w/AAA diameter within SVS guideline – Even with the VQI overall

**Roundtable/Comments:**

- Too much data to capture for community hospitals that are not interested in research like academia – (ex. Capturing zones for EVAR). Cheryl explained that the PVI registry has 2 options and no one changed to “basic” and only one center has signed up for it.
- Separate out TCAR from Trans fem. Cheryl told group that this was in the plans for Spring.
- Would like agenda to be sent with meeting invite and reminders. Cheryl explained that it would be generic since we don’t get presenters until last minute, sometimes at the meeting.
• Need regional rep for the Venous Quality Council.
• Have a note pop up in VQI when you log in letting you know that there is a new monthly newsletter available since the newsletter is blocked at many sites. It happened once and also provided a direct link to the newsletter. It was really appreciated. Cheryl took back suggestion to M2S and they will provide notification and link to newsletters.

Presentations:
• Amanda Sigala, RN – Harborview Medical Center – “HMC TEVAR trauma characteristics & outcomes VQI PNW regional group meeting”

Meeting Evaluation:
• Remote attendees (most 1st time) stated they enjoyed the meeting and found value in it. all were encouraged to attend in person.
• Formal eval will be sent out with the minutes.

Next meeting:
• In conjunction with the PNW Endovascular Conference, May 21-22, 2020 in Seattle.
• Specific date and time to be determined.