Pacific Northwest Vascular Study Group
Date: May 20, 2015
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: Tulio Restaurant, Seattle, WA

Meeting Minutes:

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Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Starnes, Medical Director

Regional Group Participating Centers:
UW Medicine
    Harborview Medical Center
    Northwest Hospital and Medical Center
    University of Washington Medical
Inovia Vein Specialty Center
Oregon Health & Science University
Sacred Heart Medical Center
**National VQI Update (see slides):** Carrie Bosela

Discussed how there are currently 326 centers not enrolled in VQI in 46 different states. Over 205,000 procedures entered as of the first of April.

Announced new PSO staff:

- Dan Neal, M.S. as SVS PSO Analytic Director
- Nadine Caputo, Director of Quality
- Megan Mathy, PSO Admin support

Introduced new reporting feature in the analytics engine: The M2S PATHWAYS Analytic Engine can now display variation across centers in the entire VQI or in a Regional Quality Group for the variables in each procedure type, including risk-adjusted outcomes where appropriate.

Still looking for TEVAR Type B dissection participants for the 1 year study, pays $400 per patient with no additional data entry.

Announced recent requests for participant in the Aorfix™ Prospective, Non-Randomized, Multi-Center Evaluation of the Long-Term Safety and Effectiveness of the Lombard Medical Aorfix™ AAA Flexible Stent Graft System. 5 year commitment reimbursed @ $4000 per patient.

Discussion about receiving CME or Self-Assessment MOC credits for regional meeting attendance. Most would prefer CME.

**National Data Review (see slides):** Carrie Bosela

No regional data to review, too new of a group. Review National Reports to give the group an idea of what they will receive regional next Fall.

LTFU discussion: Goal of 80% is good but only after 2 years of participation. Lowest and highest performers should be decided based on bell curve. Lowest and Highest Quartile. Counter intuitive to enforce penalties.

Dr. Garrett gave a demonstration of abstracting a TEVAR case. Group found it useful and information especially given all of the guests in the room. Group would like the data put into VQI generate an Op Report.

**Arterial Quality Committee Update:** (see slides)

M2S was approved by CMS to be a QCDR: Qualified Clinical Data Registry. This will allow VQI members to meet PQRS requirements for Part B Medicare to avoid payment penalties by using measures not approved for PQRS but specifically for VQI. See attached approved list.
COPI (Center Opportunity Profile for Improvement)

Infra LOS to be released this Spring. Next two in development:

- 1-One year stroke/mortality after elective CEA/CAS for asymptomatic carotid stenosis
- 2-One year mortality after open AAA/EVAR for elective AAA less than 6cm

National QI projects:

1. Regional variation in postoperative myocardial infarction, Dr. Dan Bertges
2. Survival for patients discharged on Antiplatelets and Statins, Dr. Randall DeMartino

Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Update: (see slides)

Approved Project list on line:


45 National Projects
80 Regional Projects (VSGNE, Carolina’s, Virginia’s and Mid-Atlantic)

Venous Quality Committee Update: (see slides)

IVC Filter registry:
- 2312 procedures
- 56 centers

Varicose Vein Registry: launched January 2015
- 250 procedures in first month
- 21 centers contracted
- Focus on vein centers, integrate with vein-specific EMR vendors
  - VeinSpec
  - SonoSoft
  - StreamlineMD
  - MedStreaming
- Includes Quality of Life variables

SVS support regional group websites
- Need volunteer to work on content with Megan Mathy, SVS PSO
**Expanding Participation:** List of “interested” centers in the region included in the slide deck, current Great Lake members encouraged to reach out to any peers at those centers to help increase membership in the group.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2015 in conjunction with the PCNW annual meeting

Adjourn