

# Participation Awards 2024

Participation Awards began in 2016 to encourage active participation in the registries program and recognize the importance of participation. Domains recommended by the Participation Committee were endorsed by the SVS PSO Governing Council to emphasize the importance of center participation in 4 key areas. Those key areas include Long Term Follow Up (LTFU), Regional Meeting Attendance, Quality Improvement (QI) project, and Registry Subscriptions.

The following is a list of the four domains for the 2024 Participation Awards criteria:

- **Domain 1 – LTFU – 40% weighted**
- **Domain 2 – Regional Meeting Attendance – 30% weighted**
- **Domain 3 – QI Project – 25% weighted**
- **Domain 4 – Registry Subscriptions – 5% weighted**

The final score is calculated as follows:

**Total points = 4 x LTFU score + 3 x Attendance score + 2.5 x QI score + 0.5 x registry score**

## Maximum number of points for any domain is 6 points

**Points needed for each Star level:**

- 0 Stars < 17 points
- 1 Star 17-26 points
- 2 Stars 27-40 points
- 3 Stars > 40 points

### Domain – LTFU – 40% weighted

LTFU reporting demonstrates a commitment to monitoring the ongoing effectiveness of treatment, assessing potential problems and providing optimal medical management. LTFU allows a more meaningful assessment of quality (as opposed to only perioperative outcomes) and is a cornerstone of VQI.

A center's LTFU rate will be determined according to the scale below. Since this category is weighted at 40%, the number of points a center earns for LTFU will be multiplied by 4 before calculating the overall score.

- LTFU rate  $\geq 90\%$  6 points
- LTFU rate  $\geq 80\%$  4 points
- LTFU rate  $\geq 70\%$  2 points
- LTFU rate  $< 70\%$  0 points

### Domain – Regional Meeting attendance – 30% weighted

Credit will be given for remote attendance since virtual and hybrid meetings will be an option for the 2024 meetings.

- Each regional meeting will be scored on a 0–3-point scale:
  - For centers with 3 or more MDs, 1 point for each **MD attending**, up to a max of 3 points
  - If site has only 2 MDs and 1 **MD attends**, 2 points
  - If site has  $< 3$  MDs and all **MDs attend**, 3 points
  - Support staff (Fellows, Residents, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, et. al., -those with an **ACTIVE** Pathways account) will receive a maximum of 1 point regardless of MD attendance. Ex – if 1, 3, or 5... support staff at a center attends a meeting, the center will get 1 point.
  - Regional medical directors and regional lead data managers will each receive one additional point, for a maximum of 6 regional meeting attendance points
  - The host site will get 1 extra point (This includes on-site and/or off-site)
- Centers with non -physician staff members attending VQI@VAM either in person or virtual earn 1 extra point

### Domain – Quality Improvement Project – 25% weighted

Scoring on 0 – 6-point scale to keep consistent with other measures. This gives centers options for getting **6 maximum QI points**.

- Initiation of a QI Project, evidenced by submitting a Project Charter to [bwymmer@svspso.org](mailto:bwymmer@svspso.org) (2 points). **One charter per year per center.**
- Presenting a QI Project (presentation or poster) at a Regional VQI, \*Regional Society Meeting, or \***Hospital Board and/or C Suite** meeting (2 points) *When presenting at succinct regional meetings, project slides must reflect a change or update in status*
- Presenting a QI Project (presentation or poster) at the National VQI or \*Vascular Annual Meeting (2 points)
- \*Publish a **VQI quality improvement** article in a Peer Reviewed Journal (2 points)
- Centers with significant improvement or excellent performance rates on National QI Initiatives will receive one additional point (per initiative), for a maximum of 6 QI points

\* Please send attestation (proof) to [bwymmer@svspso.org](mailto:bwymmer@svspso.org) on or before December 31, 2024. Only 2 presentations to the Hospital Board and/or C Suite allowed per year per center.

### Domain – Registry subscriptions – 5% weighted

- 1-2 registries = 0 points
- 3-5 registries = 2
- 6-8 registries = 4
- ≥ 9 registries = 6

Note – If the center is a vein-only center (i.e. could only possibly subscribe to 1 registry) = 1 point

\*Participation Points are based on a Calendar Year of January 1 – December 31 and must be emailed to [bwymmer@svspso.org](mailto:bwymmer@svspso.org) no later than December 31 at 23:59:59 ET. There are no exceptions. \*