

VQI PNW Regional Group

5/25/2023

I. Presentations:

- A. Overview of PNW outcomes data (Sara Zetervall, MD)
- B. QI project looking at PNW stroke data from VQI (Blake Murphy, MD)

II. General Discussion and Questions

- A. Why are centers choosing TFEM approach over TCAR? Cost? Resources?
- B. Is TCAR under-coded in VQI and rates of TFEM cases performed are lower than the data portray?
- C. What does “carotid percutaneous” approach mean clinically? Why/when would this be clinically indicated? Are they being coded this way because of ICD-10 coding? Should they be coded as “carotid open” instead?
- D. Abstractors should not be using ICD-10 codes to guide coding in VQI

III. Action Items (including QI projects):

- A. Abstractors to reevaluate coding of surgical approach – consider coding “carotid open” instead of “carotid percutaneous” if appropriate
- B. Individual sites to reconsider indications and reasons for choosing TFEM approach over TCAR

IV. Next Meeting: November 2 or 3rd in Vancouver BC