Southeastern Vascular Study Group Fall Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 14th 2018
Reynolds Lake Club- Lake Oconee, Georgia

- 10:00-10:15
  Welcome and SEVSG/VQI Update - Yazan Duwayri, MD
  Welcome and Introductions

- 10:15-10:30
  National VQI Update - SVS PSO representative Dan Neal
  - Data Audits starting in 2018;
  - Educational Webinars 2018;
    - August 22: TEVAR case abstraction
    - September: Mandatory Follow-up fields
    - September: QI Webinar Validation Case Study! ROI
    - October: 30 day follow-up
    - Early November: PVI Basic Form Webinar
    - Mid November: Wrapping up a QI project, 2019 and Participation Award information
  - 2018 reporting schedule
    - July: Fall Regional Reports
    - July: Pilot System-Level Fall Reports for Inova and Ohio Health (new!)
    - August: Physician Dashboards
    - August: COPI Report: INFRA LOS (new!)
    - September: COPI Report: INFRA SSI (new!)
    - October: QI Initiative Update
    - November: Cumulative Physician Dashboards (new!)
  - Registry Updates:
    - Hemodialysis Access: Under major revision with release in 2018 (TBD)
    - Vascular Medicine Registry: Finalizing changes for release in 2019 (TBD)
    - 30-day Follow-up Measures
    - Varicose Vein: Under revisions to only collect data on treated leg (shorten the form)
    - Venous Stent Registry: Under development
    - PVI short form: Under development
• Open discussion: the importance/barriers/Strategies to enter the social security number.
M2S has designed its security and privacy protocols to ensure PHI is safeguarded in accordance with HIPAA and HITECH. PHI is encrypted both while being transmitted and when data is at rest.
VQI is organized under the legal structure of a patient safety organization (PSO) which has greater data protection than most!

• 10:30-10:45
Pathways Development Update – M2S representative Debbie MacAulay (via teleconference)
• Audit/Site Query tool, released on 2/28/2018, allows functionality for the SVS PSO to create audit projects which users complete in this new tool within PATHWAYS;
• Patient/procedure search by primprocID, released on 5/31/2018;
• CAS Revision I, released on 3/26/2018, added 2 new "Pre-dilate Before Stent" variables;
• Mandatory Fields for LTFU Forms, released in Sep. 2018, for each registry, a core set of variables on follow-up forms will be made mandatory, mandatory fields will be color-coded so that they can be easily identified on the form. A webinar for this functionality is scheduled for September 11, a recording of this webinar will be available within the PATHWAYS Resources tab;
• Enhancing functionality of CEA, IVC Filter, OPEN, LE AMP, INFRA, and SUPRA, released in Sep. 2018, remove “Heart Rate” fields, new functionalities available, tab completion indicator, text-based data download, save follow-up forms as incomplete;
• Scheduled to be released in Q4 2018: 30-day Follow-up Form, Update to follow-up reports, PVI Revision.

• 10:45 -11:05
Arterial and Venous Quality Council Updates –Adam Beck, MD and Olamide Alabi, MD
• Change in RAC Policy: Dropping the need to avoid overlap as a criteria for SVS PSO RAC approval.
• National Research Process:
  ➢ Check Approved Project List: https://www.vqi.org/vqi-resource-library/quality-research/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
  ➢ Proposal Submissions:
Arterial Quality Council Update:
2018 Special Reports:
1. Physician and Center Dashboards: Physician and center stats on critical outcomes by registry over the past year, including regional and VQI benchmarks. First physician reports delivered in February and will be updated in fall. Center-level dashboards planned for June.
2. Comparative COPI Reports: We will update prior COPI reports with new data to check centers’ improvement. EVAR LOS planned for May, INFRA LOS for August and INFRA SSI in September.
3. National QI Initiative Updates: Reports will be issued quarterly starting in March tracking centers’ progress on Discharge Medications and Follow-Up Imaging after EVAR.

Venous Quality Council Update – first mtg at VAM 6/21/18
Varicose vein growth – 41 sites in VQI, >20,000 procedures
SEVSG – AVAccess – 3928
-IVCF – 1083
-Varicose Veins - 2451

- 11:05-11:40
  Live data abstraction- Alexis Neill, RN, MSN and David Snyder, BBA, BSN
    Attendees recommended if we can have a demo to show how to abstract by procedures via VQI demo database with “fake” patient charts, then recorded it for future reference.

- 11:40-11:55
  Best Papers I and II- Emily Spangler, MD
➢ Comparison of Direct and Less Invasive Techniques for the Treatment of Severe Aorto-Iliac Occlusive Disease.
➢ A national Vascular Quality Initiative database comparison of hybrid and open repair for aortoiliac-femoral occlusive disease.

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• 12:25-12:55
  Quality Report Generation- Zdenek Novak, MD, PhD
  ➢ Demo

• 12:55-1:15
  Regional Report Findings and Governing Council Update - Yazan Duwayri, MD
  ➢ Review 2018 Fall Regional Report;
  ➢ National Varicose Vein Registry meeting-First meeting at the VAM
    Coming soon – venous stenting (Jan 2019)
  ➢ VQI@VAM Highlights: Over 180 physicians, data managers and quality staff attended the third annual VQI@VAM in conjunction with the SVS Vascular Annual Meeting held in Boston, MA.
  Winner of the Poster Competition: "Implementation of a Structured Protocol to Improve Rates of VQI Registry Vascular Patient Follow Up" from NY Presbyterian - Weill Cornell Medicine. To view the Posters and the Quality Abstracts, please go to the Members Only section of the VQI website: To access these QI projects, go to the Members Only area on the VQI website, https://www.vqi.org/national-data/vqi-annual-meeting-2018-june-20th-evening-poster-session/.
  Next year, the VQI Annual Meeting 2019 will be held in National Harbour, MD, on June 11th and 12th. We look forward to seeing you next year!
  ➢ Governing Council Update
    Next Steps:
    1. Consideration of creation of center level reports for OAAA in Spring of 2019
    2. VQI using the Guidelines to inform registry variables
    3. Potential to expand this exercise to other procedures

• 1:15-1:35
  Making a Case for Quality Reporting through VQI in a Large Healthcare System- Susan Shafii, MD
  ➢ Open discussed on the best way to compare internal outcomes by medical centers in a Large Healthcare System. It was recommended to enroll each medical center separately.
• 1:35-1:50
Best Papers III and IV – Jaime Benarroch-Gampel, MD

• 1:50-2:00
Transcervical Carotid Stenting in VQI- Siddharth Patel, MD

• 2:00-2:45
Successes and Failures Session: open group discussion of successes, failures, and areas of struggle
  ➢ Albany Vascular Specialist Center—Dr. Joe Harris Morgan III
  Carotid Endarterectomy length of stay < 1 day, D/C planning for patients before carotid surgery:
  1. pre-op medications including an antiplatelet, a statin and a beta blocker
  2. Patient is educated on what can be expected the day of surgery and the day after. The expectation is that the patient will only spend one night in the hospital. The patient will continue on their antiplatelet, Statin and beta blocker
  ➢ EVAR LONG TERM FOLLOW-UP UF SURVEILLANCE PROTOCOL—Dr. Sal Scali
    1. Organizational Success Factors
    2. Processes that are in place to improve LTFU
    3. Payer Method
    4. Challenges
    5. Future Directions

• 2:45
Closing Remarks- SEVSG Future Directions & Action Items- Yazan Duwayri, MD
  Dr. Duwayri concluded the meeting by expressing enthusiasm for the future development, thanked everyone for their attendance, and the group agreed that the next meeting should be held in 6 months, and location will be announced later.
Meeting Adjourned.