



Southeastern Vascular Study Group October 21, 2022

Remote Session

Respectfully Submitted: Dr. Charles Ross & Michelle Glanville

Remote attendance:

Adam Beck	David Snyder	Karen Bowers
A Eubanks	Deborah MacAulay	Kim Whelan
Alexis Neill	Dev Mangalat	Kimberly Bearden
Amber Davidson	Donna Hixson	Kristy Hayes
Amy Rogers	Emily Guderian	Lisa Grigg
Anuj Mahajan	Emily Spangler	Lori Happe
Arun Chervu MD	Faith Works-Fleming	Marc Bernstein
Barbara VanCattenburch	Hugh Jackson	Marc Passman
Beatriz Hawkins	Iman Aziz	Marilyn Mendez
Benjamin Jacobs	Italo Linfante	Mary Wanzek
Benjamin Powell	Jacquelyn Medina	Michelle Glanville
Betsy Wymer	Jaime Benarroch	Michelle Swearingen
Bina Hansana	Jammie Miller	Mrinal Shukla
Caryn Bernstein	Janet Cash	D Murphy
Chris Latz	Janette Agatep	Mustafa Khader
Christina Casazza	Jason Bernstein	Peter Petropoulos
Christopher Ramos	Jason Warricks	Ravi Rajani
Chuck Ross	Jeannie Morse	Rhonda Iverson
Claire Motyl	Jennifer Correa	Sahar Saleh
Courtney Busby	Jennifer knight	Salvatore Scali
Crystal Hernandez	Jennifer Richards	Sara Easterlin
Cynthia Boatright	Jessica Breyette	Sarah Powell
Danielle Stephen	Jim Franklin	Sarah Walther

Stefanie Ledbetter	Sylvia Yaw	William Davis
Stephanie Cholowski	Tricia Lashley	Yazan Duwayri
Susan Gatten	Vanessa Sarmiento	Young Erben (she/her/hers)
Susan Johnson	Sarge Vhabir	Yuming Lin
Susan Shafii	Vickie Saak	Zdenek Novak

PSO Representative Attending Meeting: Betsy Wymer, DNP Director of Quality
Leka Johnson, Quality Improvement Specialist

Meeting Highlights/Action Items

(See regional slide deck for detailed data)

I. Presentations:

1. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Salvatore Scali - AAA Sac Diameter Guidelines and Clinical Practice Patterns in VQI University of Florida
2. Claire Motyl MD, Zdenek Novak, MD PhD, Adam Beck MD - *Small Aneurysm Repairs in SEVSG UAB*
3. Marc Bernstein, MS-IV, Medical College of Georgia Sponsored by Dr. Ross and Dr. Erben - *Carotid Endarterectomy Prior to Placement of Left Ventricular Assist Device*
4. Dr. Olamide Alabi – *Vision Update* (video recording)

II. General Discussion and Questions

Welcome new members up to 130 centers entering data 15 new since spring meeting. Dr. Wymer gave updated dashboard features: new percentiles, 2 new HAD Reports and update to Inclusion and Exclusion criterion reviewed for CEA. For reporting measures, CEA procedures with concomitant CABG are excluded but for data collection into the registry, CEA with concomitant CABG are inclusions.

Reviewed report including volume, we (SEVSG) are 3rd leading region for entering data. Reviewed physician specialties noted vascular remaining the leading specialty entering data into this multidisciplinary effort.

Reviewed and discussed performance modules including:

LTFU – reviewed performance and opportunities for improvement.

Discharge medications (Antiplatelets and Statins) – huge opportunity to improve despite discussing this at every regional call. Discussed opportunities to document medical contraindication. Dr. Beck shared his site’s strategy, including meeting quarterly at his hospital to review VQI data.

Carotid Stenting – improvement in both symptomatic and asymptomatic.

CEA – Discussed renewed exclusion of concomitant CABG, unrelated return to the OR also excluded.

EVAR – post op LOS>2 days, Sac Diameter Reporting

TEVAR - Sac Diameter reporting

ABI/Toe Pressure – under-performing. Spring meeting potential project looking at this and presenting at spring meeting

1 million cases in VQI as of September.

Announcement VQI VAM 2023 call for abstracts.

Welcome Melissa Latus new VQI Clinical Operations Program Manager.

Upcoming Infra and Supra Revision Highlights.

VQI Corner – data Managers being added to registry Committee.

VQI Report Schedule.

Shared VQI webinar schedule. Pathways offering training and webinars.

New VQI website launching in mid-November.

Presentation Summary:

AAA Sac Diameter Guidelines and Clinical Practice Patterns in VQI

Highlighted SVS AAA Guidelines. Discussed appropriateness versus non-compliance in small diameter repairs. Discussed potential causes for high repair rates for small diameter aneurysms seen in US market. Potential impact of fee for service reimbursement model. Review of data shows U.S. leading in the world except for Germany. Review of patient characteristics.

Small Aneurysm Repairs in SEVSG

Group had in-depth discussion on endovascular repairs, appropriate use, impact of decreased utilization and the guidelines. Discussed better defining quality including long-term outcomes. Discussed the need to engage industry to support this. Recommended physician level reporting and discussed using VQI to tie to surgeon performance measures.

Carotid Endarterectomy Prior to Placement of Left Ventricular Assist Device

Shared summary of review and findings. Shared patient demographics and long-term outcomes.

Vision Update

Discussed how “Vision” data is used including for publications and how to get access to the data for projects.

III. Action Items (including QI projects): All centers were encouraged to review their site report and determine any quality improvement opportunities for their center. Quality improvement activities (i.e. QI charters) are part of the participation awards (20% weight).

IV. Nominations (AQC, VQC, RAC, Medical Director):

V. None at this time

VI. Next Meeting: Spring 2023, date TBD