

VQI Physician Report: Smoking Cessation

Rate of patients who quit smoking after undergoing CAS, CEA, INFRA, SUPRA, OAAA, EVAR, TEVAR, PVI or lower extremity amputation in 2011-2014. Includes only patients who were smoking preop and for whom follow-up smoking status is known.

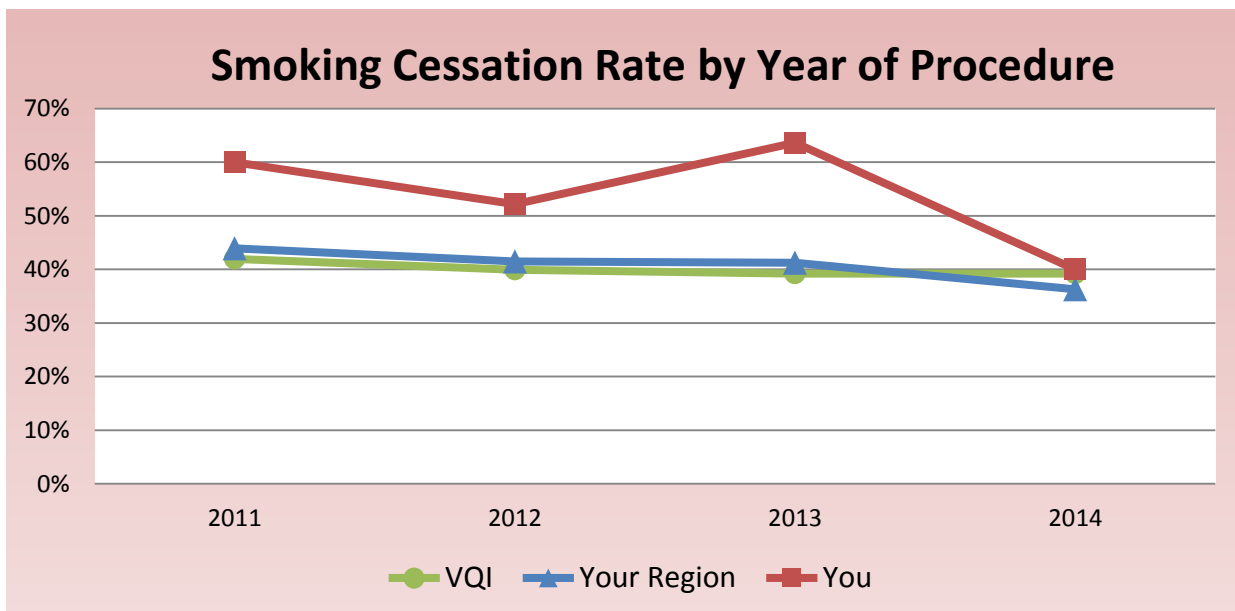
Helping patients with arterial disease quit smoking is a vital part of a vascular physician’s job. Data suggest that there is a “teachable moment” around the time of arterial interventions when patients may be more receptive to advice about smoking cessation. Further, there are established best practices, such as prescription of nicotine replacement or referral to smoking cessation groups, that have been shown to improve the rate of smoking cessation.

This report details the number of current smokers whom you treated for arterial disease in recent years, as well as the number who quit smoking at the time of reported follow-up (note that your follow-up rate is also reported, and that smoking cessation rate is calculated based only on patients who had follow-up). This report also provides benchmarks for you to compare your performance to peers in your region, and around the country.

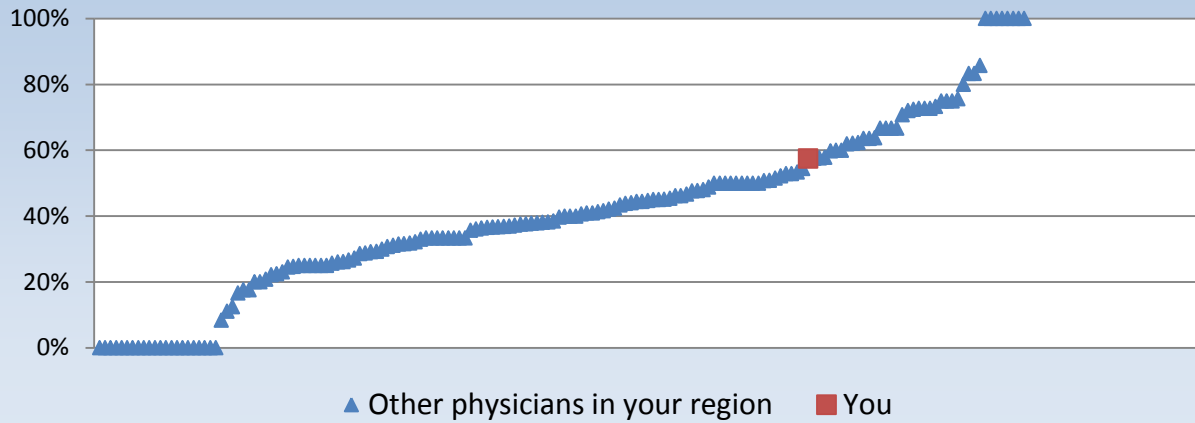
If you would like further information about the optimal methods to assist your patients with smoking cessation, please visit <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK63952/>

Thank you for your commitment towards improving the care of patients with vascular disease by participating in the Vascular Quality Initiative.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	All years
Num. of smokers you reported treating	40	36	31	25	132
N (%) with follow-up	30 (75%)	23 (64%)	22 (71%)	5 (20%)	80 (61%)
Median follow-up time (months)	12.1	11.6	12.9	12.9	12.4
% with follow-up who quit smoking	60%	52%	64%	40%	58%
% who quit in your region	44%	42%	41%	36%	42%
% who quit in VQI overall	42%	40%	39%	39%	39%



Cessation Rate in Your Region (2011-2014)



Regional Variation across VQI (2011-2014)

