

# SoCal VOICe Fall Regional Meeting

09/29/2023 10am-2pm

Bakersfield, CA

Attendance in person and remote: Ankur Chandra, Greg Magee, Ahmed Abdelkarim, Ahmed Abou-Zamzam, Ali Azizzadeh, Ankur Chandra, Colleen Balius, Devin Zarkowsky, Don Lamanero, Donald Baril, Fred Weaver, Grace Montejo, Grace Ullum, Hao Bui, Isabella Kuo, Jack Cronenwett, Emilia Janeke, Jessica Cline, Nii-Kabu Kabutey, Karen Heaney, Kelly Luscomb, Laura Sjoberg, Liz Chou, Lori May, Luis Cajas, M. Hamouda, Melinda Lewis, Montejo, Grace, Nadin Elsayed, Nguyen Thanh Hung, Sara Honari, Steven Scarlett, Tin Le, Trish Wallace, Vicki Silvius, Vincent Guzzetta

PSO Representative Attending Meeting: Caroline Morgan

## Meeting Highlights/Action Items

- What percentage of those with LTFU for EVAR have Sac Diameter reporting?
- Melinda to draft Protocol for EVAR LTFU
- Laura Sjoberg can share the templated Brief Operative Notes (BON) please email her at [laura.sjoberg@med.usc.edu](mailto:laura.sjoberg@med.usc.edu)
- Request for more information in the Discharge Medication Metric

Show the breakdown of cases

Statin and single antiplatelet, Statin and Dual Antiplatelet, Statin only, Aspirin only, Other Antiplatelet only, Statin and No Antiplatelet for Medical Reason, Antiplatelet and No Statin for Medical Reason...

## Regional Update:

- 1) LTFU Discussion
  - a) SoCal is below the national average but consistent with percentage of LTFU
  - b) More Regions are above the 50% mark than below
- 2) D/C Medications
  - a) Request from Sharp Grossmont, Karen Heaney. Can the patients with “No for Medical Reason” have a call out or be reported in a separate field or break down the patient who received a statin only or an antiplatelet only. See action items
- 3) Smoking Cessation
  - a) Due to the patient reporting and possible lack of documentation at follow-up appointment the question was raised about the validity of the metric. Caroline has shared that the true goal is to track smoking cessation counseling.
    - i) Smoking cessation counseling metric will be available in the next Regional Report
    - ii) Standardizing documentation is important when gathering data

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- 4) TCAR Asymptomatic stroke and death well below national average, Symptomatic stroke and death rate our region is the highest but none are statistically significant
- 5) CEA Asymptomatic trended in the wrong direction. 3.2% must pay attention to this metric as a Region moving forward. Drill down at center level as track as needed.
  - a) LOS for Asymptomatic patient also trending up but probably linked to the stroke and death rates
- 6) EVAR, Sac diameter reporting 45.9% lower than VQI benchmark.
  - i) What percentage of those with LTFU for EVAR have had Sac diameter reporting
  - ii) Our Region is statistically lower than the national average

#### Data Manager Update:

1. Request to receive preliminary aggregate data for source data CAS audits
  - a. Only 50% of audits completed
  - b. Phase one and two of the Pilot had sata match was 97% or higher
  - c. IRR for center level data to ensure the quality/and validity of information
  - d. Dr. Greg Magee raised Concerns ensuring the accuracy of the information in the medical record which inturn may not be accurately reflected in VQI.
  - e. CAS recertification\* note new changes from CMS since this meeting. See CMS website

#### Presentation by Melinda Lewis, RN CV-BC from Bakersfield Memorial

1. Protocol Development EVAR LTFU:
  - a. Barriers to LTFU: see slides
  - b. Goals
    - i. Increase LTFU Compliance for Asymptomatic EVAR within the defined timeline of 9-21 months
    - ii. Improve compliance by streamlining the frequency of follow-up visits with recommended post op surveillance. using JVS and SVS guidelines
  - c. SVS practice guidelines as a starting point
    - i. We need to decide if the SVS is the best guideline
      1. Asymptomatic with no leak: 1mo, 1 year
      2. Type 2 endoleak at end of procedure: 1 mo, 9 mo, then 1 year from the 9 mo

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- a. Group discussed here is no clinical significance in the three months between a 6 mo or 9 mo visit

#### **Presentation by Melody Sanchez, VQI Data Manager and Laura Sjoberg, MSN, ACNP-BC from USC Keck**

1. Creating a Brief Operative Note for EVAR CAS and PVI for Cerner
  - a. Created a centralized location for data abstractors to gather all of the information
  - b. Improves surgical documentation
  - c. Laura Sjoberg can share the templated notes [laura.sjoberg@med.usc.edu](mailto:laura.sjoberg@med.usc.edu)

#### **Physician snapshot reports**

1. MD's have to give permission to data managers to release the physician snapshot reports

#### **SVS PSO Update**

#### **AQC and VQC Updates**

1. Re-engagement committee members. Keep an eye out for emails on this topic
2. Pilot ERAS Variables

#### **Arterial RAC and Venous RAC Update see slides**

#### **Governing Council**

1. New Chair and Vice Chair
2. All Regional RAC request must first have Regional RAC approval

#### **Open Forum**

1. CAS specifically TCAR is the primary modality for treating Carotid Disease in SoCal. Discussion on this reporting period's higher rate of stroke and death among Asymptomatic CEA patients. New trend vs need for a larger number of patients.
2. Has there been changes in CEA and CAS registry participation. Track and trend

#### **FIVOS Update**

#### **Adjournment**