Welcome and Introduction: Dennis Gable, MD

VQI National Updates: Carrie Bosela, VQI/PSO
- 602 Centers, Canada and Singapore participants outside the US
- 18 Regional Quality Groups
- 625,251 procedure, PVI highest with 200,124
- SVS PSO Staffing Update:
  - Dan Neal has gone Part time and Kristopher Huffman is the new Director of Analytics
  - An offer has been made for a new role of Clinical Operations Associate that will report to Carrie Bosela
  - New Associate Medical Director role will be filled by March 2020
- VQI@VAM Highlights
  - 161 attendees
  - 60/40 split- Data Manager/Physician
  - 3.24/4.00 meeting evaluation rating
  - 25 posters were presented
- QI Charter Projects
  - QI Project Form can be accessed at [https://www.vqi.org/vqi-resource-library/quality-improvement/](https://www.vqi.org/vqi-resource-library/quality-improvement/)
  - Project charters should be emailed to QI@SVSPSO.ORG or cjackson@svspso.org
  - 6- point maximum credit for QI even though additional points can be acquired
  - Cheryl Jackson provides group calls for all charters and will provide one on one help if needed
  - Final scoring completed: January 31, 2020
  - Star Ratings communicated: March 2020
- Newsletters
  - VQI news provides regulatory issues, technical updates and other news
  - VQI Quality Improvement focuses on the QI process and tools
  - Sent through Mailchimp which is sometimes blocked or sent to your junk mail: Contact VQI if you are not receiving these emails
- 3 Star Award Recipients
  - Baylor Scott and White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas
  - Baylor Scott and White The Heart Hospital – Plano
  - Baylor Scott and White Memorial Hospital
- 2019 Reports:
  - Quarter 1:
    - Spring Regional Reports,
    - QI Update: EVAR LTFU Imaging Update/Risk Calculator
    - Performance Awards
  - Quarter 2:
    - QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging
- Center and System Dashboards
  - Quarter 3:
  - Fall Regional Reports
  - QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging
  - Center and System Dashboards
  - Quarter 4:
  - QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging
- Registry Updates:
  - Hemodialysis Access: In development and will be released in Q3 2019
  - Venous Stent Registry: Specifications finalized, to be released end of October 2019
  - Varicose Vein: Built in 2013 but revamped to be specific to the treated leg only. Specifications finalized, to be released in Q4 2019
  - Vascular Medicine Registry: Partnered with AHA, Specifications finalized, to be released in January 2020

Council Updates
- RAC Update: William Shutze, MD
  - No Restriction of data release based on similar projects; collaboration is encouraged
  - Only 1 refresh of data within 24 months of initial approval
  - Industry related projects need to collaborate with the steering committee/s (i.e. TCAR)
  - Review policy and industry charters on the web
  - Proposals screened by region first then sent to nation
  - Reviewed quarterly
  - Response given within 2 weeks of National RAC meeting
  - Similar projects can get approved but sometimes the committee will try to get facilities to collaborate
  - Device Identification Policy: review on the web before submitting proposal
  - Proposal Submissions -October 2019
    - Call for Proposals: August 13, 2019
    - Due Date: September 16, 2019
    - Meeting: October 7, 2019
    - Notification Sent: October 8, 2019
  - Request was made to have a regional project
    - Call to be scheduled
- AQC Update: Bruce Tjaden, MD
  - Opioid Workgroup is formed and charged with putting forth recommendations on how the VQI can be used to track, monitor and benchmark opioid utilization.
  - Continued refinement to Global Unique Device Identification Database (GUDID) integration in PVI, with planned expansion to other registries.
  - Initiating Future Registry Updates
  - Harmonizing Demographics and Meds across all registries
  - Updating Infra/Supra Registries
  - Updating OAAA
    - Will include all open thoracoabdominal procedures
    - Will update in 2020 and need volunteers to help with the build
  - Provided Education and Clarification on recording “Other Devices” and IDEs
    - Contact Carrie before putting “other” as a device
    - There is a webinar on how to use GUDID
• VQC Update: Carrie Bosela, RN SVS PSO
  o Council and Committee Transition
    ▪ Dr. Almeida is in his last year as Chair of VQC
    ▪ Succession needed for VV Registry committee chair
  o Potential for Formation of a separate RAC for Venous
  o Continued Interest from United Healthcare on collaborating on Appropriateness for Ablations. Could eliminate the need for pre-authorizations

• GC Update: Dennis Gable, MD
  o New Executive Committee Member
    ▪ Dr. Yazan Duwayri, Emory University
  o Presentation on Potential New Cost Project – Expanding upon the EVAR Cost Pilot Project, a paper was published
  o Need for New RAC Policies
    ▪ Revised Data Use Agreements
    ▪ Non-VQI members cannot have access to VQI BDS
    ▪ How to handle center id in Regional Data Sets

Regional Data Review: (see slides)

Venous Research Advisory Committee
• Request for representative for the SoVONet region
• Representative must participate in the venous registry

Paper Presentations:

Data Manager Breakout:
• Technology released in Q2 2019
  o Implement GUDID integration for PVI balloons – released 5/22/19
  o Add Medicare Beneficiary Identifier – some centers are still not seeing this in the chart
    ▪ Retired Healthcare Insurance Claims Number
• TEVAR Dissection Surveillance Project
  o Re-opening in 2019
  o Centers will be invited to participate
• Discussed what could work best with bubbles in Pathways
• Data managers are having trouble receiving emails
• 2019 Projects
• 2018 claims validation
• Upcoming Analytics webinars
  o Basic September 4
  o Advanced October 2

Next Meeting:
• Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
• In conjunction with VAM 2020 June 17-20
• Date and Time: TBD