

Southern Vascular Outcomes Network

June 9, 2016
National Harbor, MD



Meeting Minutes:

Attended:

First Name	Last Name	Position in the VQI	Center
Todd	Rock	Data Manager	Baylor Scott and White - Temple
Priya	Padmanabhan	Data Manager	Baylor All Saints Medical Center
William	Shutze	Physician	Baylor Jack and Jane Hamilton Heart and
Dennis	Gable	Data Manager	Baylor Jack and Jane Hamilton Heart and
Naveed	Saqib	Physician	Houston Methodist St. John Hospital
Ali	Azizzadeh	Physician	Memorial Hermann Heart & Vascular
Taylor	Smith	Physician	Ochsner Medical Center
*Kathy	Britt	Data Manager	Peripheral Vascular Associates
*Shawn	Gantz	Data Manager	Peripheral Vascular Associates
*William	Bohannon	Physician	Scott & White Memorial Hospital
*Renee	Palmer	Data Manager	Scott & White Memorial Hospital
Rhonda	Parker	Data Manager	The Heart Hospital Baylor Denton
Rosha	Nodine	Data Manager	THE HEART HOSPITAL Baylor Plano
Mark	Davies	Physician	U of Texas Health Science Center- San
			University of Texas- M.D. Anderson
Tam	Huynh	Physician	Cancer
Carrie	Bosela	RN, Administrative Director	SVS PSO
Nadine	Caputo	Quality Director	SVS PSO
Dan	Neal	Analytics	SVS PSO
Megan	Mathy	Administration	SVS PSP

*denotes those attending remotely

Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Dennis Gable

- I. Welcomed new centers

National VQI Update (see slides): Carrie Bosela

- I. Currently 379 centers now enrolled in VQI. Over 300,000 procedures entered as of June 1st.
- II. VQI 1st Annual Meeting
 - Very productive and interactive
 - Looking to have 2 days next year
 - Slides and video will be released soon

III. Participation award

- VQI cannot recognize participants for performance because of the PSO
- VQI focuses on participation to get more out of Quality Improvement
- 2016 participation award results for SoVONet
 - 1 center received 1 star
 - 2 centers received 2 stars
 - 2 centers received 3 stars
 - The rest received 0 stars
- CMS is looking to use some of this data for QI projects in 2019. They will use data from 2 years prior.
 - Some regions have already been approached by 2nd party payers.
 - CMS may be paying an additional 7% if facilities are participating in a quality initiative.
 - Will focus on aortic and bypass procedures
- There is discussion that US News will be publicly reporting which hospitals are participating in Quality Initiatives and Outcomes and possibly their star rating.
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IV. Long-term F/U < 50%

- Centers with less than 50% will receive mentoring from a peer advisor
- 1/3 of VQI members are @ 50% or less for Long Term Follow-up
 - Cannot participate in research projects
 - Current data will be removed from research projects
 - If you have received a letter regarding your follow-up you need to reach out to get
- LTFU toolkit in resource tab
- Some journals will not publish without 80% follow-up
- Some facilities are tying LTFU into credentialing
- Appoint reminder cards are available in tool kit
 - Lets patient know why the follow-up appointment is important

V. Medicine Registry

- In the public comment phase
- Was demonstrated following the VQI annual meeting
 - A large amount of feedback
- 4-5 more webinars to demonstrate the registry will be coming
- It only captures new patient consult and will be found with diagnosis codes
- Will be released 3rd or 4th quarter 2016
- To include LE PAD, CAS and AAA

- VI. Physician and COPI reports
 - 6 reports should be release 2016
- VII. EVAR Cost Pilot
 - 18 sites participating
 - A lot of variability in report
 - Not all centers are capturing all graft data in the same revenue codes
 - Even high volume centers are having trouble coding
- VIII. EPIC update
 - Carrie Bosela was having a meeting with Epic to get more details
 - They will be setting up 5 beta sites
 - Documentation will be shared with All VQI EPIC users
- IX. Medstreaming
 - M2S was acquired by Medstreaming
 - There will not be any changes in the system
 - Varicose Vein information will transfer over if you use this vendor

Regional Data Review (see slides): Dr. Dennis Gable

- I. Regional reports need to be pulled and review before the meeting so you can see where you fall within the region.
 - Any module with less than 3 centers a regional report will not be available
 - Must have 10 cases for your facility to be included in the regional report
- II. Long Term Follow-up
 - 71% for the region
 - Higher than the nation
 - 10% better in 2013 than 2012
 - Follow-up may have increased because we have more patients in the registries
 - Shooting for 80%
 - Try to encourage your sites – reach out to Carrie Bosela or Dennis Gable to see how you can improve performance
- III. LTFU transparency
 - Will need to vote by Survey Monkey
 - Suggestion to just show high performers
 - Suggestion to add “n” numbers and when center started
 - New England is the only region that has voted yes to transparency
 - This does not go against the PSO
 - Supported by the Executive committee of the Governing Council
- IV. D/C Antiplatelet and Statin

- Add the medications as a hard stop at D/C
 - These meds at d/c improve 5 year survival
- V. Chlorhexidine in infra inguinal bypasses
 - Reduces infection by 4.5%
- VI. EVAR Sac diameter reporting in LTFU
 - VQI will be taking a closer look at this in the future to see if diameters are stable
- VII. CEA LOS >1
 - Goal is 24%
 - Higher LOS facilities may need to change their D/C practice by rounding earlier for earlier d/c
- VIII. Reports
 - Request for “n” for each facility
 - Unblinding will have to be 100% agreement
 - Suggest having rolling data instead of 1 year or trending data

Research advisory Council (See slides): Dr. William Shutze

- I. Need nominations
 - Will be added in post meeting survey
- II. Need more research projects from our region
 - Facilities can partner up with another facility to do a project
 - Submit your project to RAC any time
 - They meet every other month
 - See slides for link to submit project on line and a list of projects
- IX. Module committee: Dr. Taylor Smith
 - CEA and CAS should add LDL to complete stroke certifications
 - 2016 PVI module updated
 - 2015 TEVAR and EVAR module updated
 - There is a rep for all modules from each region
 - LTFU being evaluated as to what needs to be completed

Venous Quality Council (See slides): Dr. Dennis Gable

- I. IVC Filter Registry
 - IVC filter will add a retrieval date field. This will help if the D/C date is before the retrieval
- II. New Business
 - Voted that all sites have to have the physician’s email in their M2S profile
 - Several have the data manager or hospital administrator.
 - Physician’s don’t get all of their emails that include meeting notices

- Reduce the amount of emails the physicians see. Don't send them emails on changes to the database. Keep it to their reports and meeting notices

Next Meeting:

November 4, 2016

1:00-3:00 pm

In conjunction with Texas Vascular and Endovascular Surgery meeting

La Cantera, 16641 La Cantera Parkway, San Antonio

The society's room block hotel accommodations have been arranged with a special group rate of \$199.00 plus 16.75% tax. **Reservation guest room's cut-off is October 5, 2016 and the link is:**

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=60706&Chain=5156&arrive=11/4/2016&depart=11/6/2016&adult=1&child=0&group=TSK0416A>