Southern Vascular Outcomes Network (SoVONet)
April 7, 2021
1:00-3:30 pm CST
Meeting Status – (virtual)

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See Power Point slide deck posted on VQI.org for detailed presentation

Agenda: SEE SLIDE DECK for Meeting Details

Regional Data Review - CME

Dennis Gable, MD, Regional Medical Leader, (SoVONet)
- Welcomed new members
- Discussed how the reports will be displayed and how some results may not show up in the report due to center participation
- Briefly went through the dashboard
- Regional Report was discussed in detail (see PowerPoint for further detail)
  - General
    - Vascular Surgeons make up the highest number of physician specialty in SoVONet and VQI
  - Long Term Follow-up
    - LTFU helps with research and star rating
    - PVI is low
      - To see real outcomes this will need to improve
      - This could be a regional project
    - SoVONet has voted to be unblinded for follow-up
      - See presentation to see your center
  - Discharge Medication
    - Report does not break down D/C meds by procedure
      - You can pull report in Pathways to see your center report
    - Goal is to be at 100%
    - Reach out to other centers to find a process that works
    - Attend the charter calls for discharge medications
  - CAS stroke/death
    - TFEM Asymp
      - Expected rates are high and this may need a deep dive as a project
      - Rates are going to be magnified due to breaking out asymptomatic/symptomatic and TCARs
    - TFEM Symp
• Region is doing better with Symptomatic
• Centers voluntarily discussed their individual outcomes
  ▪ TCAR Symp
    • This is a small percentage to reduce as a region
  o CEA LOS >1 Day
    ▪ Reach out to PSO and participate in a charter if your LOS is high
    ▪ ERAS
      • Patient education
      • Expectation of doctor and patient
    ▪ NP model in hospital could help with early discharge by resolving issues in
      the morning instead of doctor resolving in afternoon and delaying
      discharge to next day
    ▪ Is a financial positive
  o EVAR Sac Diameter
    ▪ Salvatore Scali, MD – ‘It is the obligation of the surgeon the stress the
      need for lifelong surveillance of LTFU of AAA EVAR care’
    ▪ Barriers were discussed
    ▪ Discussed ways to help increase the compliance by documentation and
      bringing awareness
    ▪ Amanda Enerson from Memorial Hermann spoke of her success in
      increasing her compliance
      • Increasing the hospital’s f/u compliance in turn increased sac
        diameter compliance
      • Getting access to office EMR allowed her to find other visits
  o Major Complications after Infra for CLTI
    ▪ Maybe the low number of follow-up is not giving us a true picture of
      SoVONet’s complications
• Regional Nominations
  o Venous RAC Chair
    ▪ Nominations must be members that participate in the venous modules
    ▪ Leka will reopen the nomination and send out a new email
  o Regional Lead Nomination
    ▪ Shelia Coogan, MD – Memorial Herman
  o Regional Associate Medical Director
    ▪ Rana Afifi, MD – Memorial Herman
  o Majority Wins
    ▪ No response no vote

Priya Padmanabhan, MHA, LSSYB – Baylor Scott and White Heart and Vascular Hospital
• Presentation regarding VQI Summary Report Tool in Epic
  o This has been accepted as a VQI poster
  o Members suggested this be tied to money

Cheryl Jackson, PSO, Quality Director
• Trainee Engagement
Getting physicians involved in quality from the start will keep them engaged throughout their career and to see the value
Shelia Coogan, MD has been interested in starting a program to include this
  ▪ Could be an elective or a QI project
  
- PSO Diversity Committee
  ▪ Awaiting appointments
  ▪ Suggested another diverse representation would be community or academic practice
    ▪ Cheryl will suggest this at the meeting

- VQI VAM
  ▪ August 17-18
  ▪ Currently in person

- My PAD is still accepting participants
- Discussed results from last CME survey and participation and how to get CME this year
- Participation awards
  ▪ Awards were announced – check your shared file
  ▪ Follow-up was removed from the overall star calculation, but a separate award will be given to those that significantly increased their follow-up compliance

AQC, RAC and VQC committee updates
  • See presentation for details

Registry Projects
  • See presentation for details

Farewell to Dennis Gable, MD, Regional Medical Leader and Rosha Nodine Regional Lead Data Manager

Break-out session for data managers