Upper Midwest Vascular Network  
October 21, 2016 1-5 pm  
Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, MN

I. Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Randall DeMartino, Medical Director  
an. Review of minutes from the spring conference on April 22, 2016  
b. Presentation by Dr. Greg Schultz, Sanford Vascular Associates in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Presentation was CEA Length of Stay. Sanford Health is a top performing center in the Upper Midwest Vascular Region. Patients are admitted directly to a Vascular Surgeon service (Board Certified) and consultations are minimized. A pre-operative steroid of Decadron 10 mg is utilized to stabilize the blood brain barrier and decrease reperfusion injury. Patients receive general anesthesia, elective shunt, tacking sutures and a patch. Post-operatively, patients are admitted to a general surgical floor and usually discharged by noon the following day. 

II. National VQI and Data Review-Presented by Jim Wadzinski, SVS PSO General Manager  

III. Regional Data Review-Presented by Dr. Randall DeMartino, Medical Director  
Of the seventeen Regional sites, the Upper Midwest Region has the highest number of procedures submitted with missing data. Missing data is any procedure logged in that had at least one piece of data missing. The Upper Midwest Region is on the low end compared to nationally for performing an ABI/TBI before the procedure. Long term follow up for the region is 76% compared to the national average of 55%. Regional research project ideas were discussed. 

IV. Committee Updates  
a. RAC Update-Jim Wadzinski, SVS PSO General Manager  
b. AQC Update-Jim Wadzinski, SVS PSO General Manager  
c. VQC Update-Jim Wadzinski, SVS PSO General Manager  
d. Governing Council Committee Update-Jim Wadzinski, SVS General Manager  

V. M2S: Development Update-Don Ferrante, Business Development Representative, discussed new features, continual build and projects: Lombard, TEVAR, Crest2, Bard, TSP, 5 year promotion. 

VI. Presentation by Dr. Daniel Ortiz, Aurora Health Care. Presentation is called: Drug Eluting Devices. Presentation by Dr. Zachary Osborne, Mayo Clinic. Presentation is called: Variation In Transfusion Practices and Their Associations with Perioperative Adverse Events in Patients Undergoing Open Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair and Lower Extremity Arterial Bypass in the Vascular Quality Initiative (VQI).  

VII. Dr. CJ Lee from the Medical College of Wisconsin discussed utilizing VQI at Froedtert Health and the Medical College of Wisconsin.
VIII. Roundtable: Missing data points and submission without validation. Please see the slides. Time did not allow for discussion. The slides contain information from Data Managers regarding missing data points.

IX. Roundtable: New PVI case entry and FAQ’s. One issue with the new registry: When entering the treatment for an artery, the name of the artery does not carry over from the previous tab/page.

X. Roundtable: Regional QI project ideas. Ideas are needed for QI regional projects.

XI. Expanding Participation-Jim Wadzinski, SVS PSO General Manager

XII. Next Meeting and Adjourn- There was discussion regarding the 2017 spring meeting being held again in April in Minneapolis. The meeting would be held in conjunction with the Minnesota Vascular Society Annual Meeting. Following today’s meeting, a survey will be sent out by VQI asking for suggestions for the spring meeting.