

# **Vascular Study Group of Greater New York (VSGGNY)**

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

**4:00 PM – 6:30 PM ET**

**Hybrid**

## **VSGGNY Fall 2022 Regional Meeting Attendance:**

Andrey Churkin  
Carol Bregaudit  
Caroline Morgan  
Christina Johnson  
Christopher Hall  
Dan Robens  
Danny Bertges  
Donna Albergo  
Elizabeth Deda  
Erin Rogers  
Hui Qing Su  
Igor Laskowski  
Jacqueline Myrie-Weir  
Jeffrey Indes  
Jennifer Ellis  
Jennifer Martin  
Jim Wadzinski  
Justin Hamilton  
Karen Chase  
Kathleen Fedele  
Katima Allen  
Kristan Probeck  
Laura Love  
Leka Johnson  
Linda Harris  
Lindsay Szlamczynski  
Maciej Dryjski  
Matt Cambria  
Melissa Latus  
Michael Stoner  
Michele Snell

Moses Fellows  
Nhan Nguyen Tran  
Ning Lin  
Omar Dawkins  
Sharon Baoas  
Sheila Murphy  
Stacey Esposito  
Susan Nappo  
Tenesha Canzius

### **PSO Representative Attending Meeting:**

Caroline Morgan, RN Director of Clinical Operations

### **Welcome new centers:**

Bassett Medical Center

Ellis Hospital

St. Charles Hospital

### **Discussion:**

**Regional Data Review** —Jeffrey Indes, MD, VSGGNY Medical Director

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Use the VQI regional reports to establish quality improvement goals for the vascular patients (outcomes) and for their center (process).
- Interpret and compare each center's VQI results to regional and national benchmarked data.
- Learn, through group discussion the VQI regional results to improve the quality of vascular health care by monitoring measurable performance indicators, SVS PSO evidence-based research, and outcomes.
- Identify high performing regional vascular centers to discuss variations in care and clinical practice patterns to improve outcomes and prompt quality improvement recommendations for vascular care patients. Sharing of best practices/pathways of care

## **National VQI Update – Caroline Morgan, RN, PSO Director of Clinical Operations**

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## **My Peripheral Arterial Disease Pilot Update– Daniel Bertges, MD, UVM Health**

- Peripheral vascular interventions
- Claudication or chronic limb threatening ischemia
- VasuQoL-6+3 and EuroQoL 5D-5L
- Pre-procedure, one month and one year postoperatively
- PRO entry by paper forms, computer, tablet and smart phone
- Email reminders to patients
- Patient education materials
- PRO feedback to participating physician

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS:**

### Polling Question

#### **Why do you believe that we have low compliance with aortic sac size guidelines?**

1. High competition: "if we don't do it, they'll go elsewhere"
2. High anxiety in the patients and their families
3. Patient specific factors like growth rate, saccular morphology, etc.
4. Combinations of one or more of these factors
5. Others

#### **What is the primary barrier to pre-procedural assessment of ABI/TBI's?**

1. The test is not conveniently available for the patient; delays the revascularization procedure
2. Our practitioners feel that an arterial duplex is adequate
3. Other

**What area are you interested in focusing on during the Spring 2023 meeting?**

1. Carotid
2. Aorta
3. Peripheral vascular disease
4. Dialysis access
5. Venous/IVC

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Development of regional or center-based charters to improve the quality of vascular health care

- Improvement of accuracy of data abstraction
- Shortening LOS and improvement outcomes for vascular patients and for medical centers

**AQC Update** –Igor Laskowski, MD

**VQC Update** –Glenn Jacobowitz, MD

**RAC Update** –Richard Schutzer, MD

**Next Meeting: 2023 VQI Annual Meeting Hybrid**

**Dates:** Thursday, June 15, 2023, 5:00-7:30 PM ET; Location TBD

**Place:** Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD