November 18, 2015 - Vascular Study Group of Greater New York Meeting

Location: New York Hilton-Midtown, Clinton Suite, Concourse Level, 1335 Avenue of the Americas

Attendees

Members:

Meeting Goals

- Present SVS VQI regional data and update from members on subcommittees
- Discussion on Non for Profit Organization of the Regional Group
- Expansion on the follow up rate

Welcome and Introductions by Dr. Tassiopoulos

Centers enrolled:
- Beth Israel Medical Center
- Catholic Health Kenmore Mercy
- Catholic Health Mercy Hospital of Buffalo
- Catholic Health Sister of Charity Hospital
- Catholic Health Sister of Charity- St. Joseph
- Kaleida Health
- Lenox Hill Hospital
- Long Island Jewish Medical Center
- Maimonides Medical Center
- Montefiore Medical Center
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Mount Sinai St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital
- NYU Langone Medical Center
- North Shore University Hospital
- Staten Island University Hospital -
- Stony Brook University Medical Center
- University Hospital
- University of Rochester Medical Center
- Weill Cornell Medical College
- Westchester Medical Center
- Winthrop-University Hospital

PSO Regulations: Not permitted to disclosure of own institutions results in the meeting. The group can discuss the region’s data. If your center is a high performer and would like to share personal quality stories then this is the forum where it can be shared with others to benefit others.

A. National VQI Update: Carrie Bosela

See attached slide presentation
B. Regional Data Review January 2012- June 2015: Dr. Tassiopoulos and Carrie Bosela RN

Regional LTFU Reports:

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<td>56% (2147)</td>
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Our region is one of the lowest. Focus our attention as a goal for spring meeting.
Discussion on the physicians’ individual practice. Dr. Lipsitz will present later in the meeting.

Statin Initiation Templates attached with minutes

Encouraged physicians to pull their own individual data
Please check your Sample size with the 100% bar center. We are national average as a group.

Mean Preoperative Ipsilateral Duplex Peak Systolic Velocity in Asymptomatic Patients undergoing CEA
(Patients without any history of neurologic or retinal symptoms on either side)

Group requested to have all the ratios included to give a clear picture.
We as a group are a little higher for the national average. Abstractor will not document if it’s in the dictation. Need a picture for insurance reimbursement. Please speak with your abstractor.
Slightly higher than expected. Not statically significantly
Please look at your individual data and encourage the review of the COPI reports given to each facility. Please share your stories of either challenges or success at our next meeting. Comments from individuals that patients live too far away from the hospital and no home care coverage available.

Open AAA Repair:
Percentage of Patients with Length of Stay >= 8 Days
(Non-ruptured, infra-renal repairs)

Our sample is low, N=61.
Multiple variables affect this report. This report will be retired soon.
Open Forum discussion on referrals from different services: Neurology, Bariatric, and Trauma

C. Arterial Quality Committee Update: Dr. Schneider

- Module Committees Roles:
- Participation in all AQC calls
- Yearly reports
- PQRS/QCDR Evaluations
- Generation of risk calculators and yearly updates to the models

Update on new PVI form lead by Daniel Bertges, MD.
- Capture procedures in ambulatory and office-based centers
- Cilostazol added to medications
- CIN prophylaxis: removed N-acetylcysteine, added saline hydration to bicarbonate hydration
- Record details for each access site: access guidance, sheath, closure and site specific complications
- Closure device: success vs. failure
- PVI at site of prior treatment
- Completion angiogram assessment added, removed pre-PVI runoff
- Planned amputation during or after PVI
- Better recording of pre-procedure symptoms
- Differential popliteal segments
- Device tracking
- Wound, Ischemia and infection (Wifi) score
- TASC recorded by arterial segment rather than per artery i.e. femoral-popliteal rather than SFA alone and popliteal alone
- Improved work flow with addition of dependencies
- Improved help text
Decreasing variables in Registries: pilot with CEA by Randy DeMartino, MD.

Statistical Audits with high risk and low to zero outcomes: pilot with oAAA by Jeff Indes, MD.

- Application of the new Bertges model to predict expected rate of post op MI

Error trapping combination variables: pilot by Sal Scali, MD.

- Determine data quality rules based on combinations of variables that are impossible/unlikely to occur

D. Quality Improvement Projects and Research Update: Dr. Jacobowitz

Tabled. No proposals submitted by the region. NYU has two proposals pending application.

Discussion on how the physicians can meet to collaborate on research projects for the group.

Attached with minutes application process request for regional and national data.

E. Venous Quality Council Update: Krish Soundararajan, MD

IVF Filter Registry: 4220 procedures; 60 Centers

CMS Quality Measure: Appropriate management of retrievable IVC filters

Varicose Vein Registry:

2280 procedures in first six months

26 centers contracted

Focus on vein centers, integrate with vein specific EMR vendors: auto populate fields: Matt Regan can start the process with each individual’s IT/EMR

- Collecting procedural and follow-up data (early and late)
- Data on ablation treatments will include:
  - Thermal Radiofrequency Ablation, including ClosureFast™
  - Thermal Laser Ablation
  - Mechanochemical Ablation
  - Chemical Ablation, including Varithena
  - Embolic Adhesive Ablation, including VenaSeal
  - Surgical Ablation, including high ligation, stripping, and phlebectomy
F. Governing Council Update: Evan Lipsitz, MD: Meeting is held tomorrow 11/19/15

- LTFU Star Reports
- Push Reports: COPI; Physicians individual
- Collaboration between hospitals and regulatory agencies
- Post Market Registries are gaining recognition
- Establishing relationships with industries
- Creation of annual data managers meetings

G. Duplex Assisted Puncture Presentation by Dr. Atul S. Rao: Maimonides Medical Center

- Duplex machine in both hybrid ORS; Sterile duplex probe cover in OR angio pack; Portable duplex wheeled into non-hybrid ORS; Fellows trained to use duplex (arterial/venous) punctures
- Benefits: avoid punctures in heavily calcified segments; avoid high punctures (supra-inguinal); avoid profunda punctures (high bifurcation); avoid side-wall arterial punctures
- Referenced the FAUST Trial journal

H. Discharge on Antiplatelet & Statin Meds Presentation by Dr. Evan Lipsitz: Montefiore Medical Center

- Showed group snap shots of outpatient progress notes in EMR: carry over to each visit
- Three necessary mandated items that needs to be addressed: Asa, Statin, Pulses=documentation
- MDs, NPs, PAs, Residents will reach out to the PMD to start meds, gives pt the scripts

I. Non for Profit Organization: Dr. Lantis

SVGGNY is a non for profit cooperation
we will need to hire a lawyer annually for necessary paperwork filing
Appointed President-Dr. Tassiopoulos; Secretary-Dr. Lipsitz; Treasurer-Dr. Lantis

Website: Please look at the website for suggestions and link it to your institution

Olympia provided Nancy the web designer updates in the past and will continue

J. Expanding Participation: Matt Regan

- NYP/ Lower Manhattan Hospital
- Rochester General Hospital, Rochester
- Nassau University Hospital
- Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital
- Nelson Menezes Vascular Specialist PC
- South Hampton Hospital
- Bellevue Hospital Center
- Peconic Surgical Group, PC
- Huntington Hospital
Spring Meeting: **Action item:** Olympia will send an email for suggestions

Adjourn: Dr. Tassiopoulos thanked everyone for coming