

Vascular Study Group of New England
Quality Improvement Project Award Program

Goal: To encourage and support quality improvement research in the Vascular Study Group of New England (VSGNE).

Eligible Applicants: Any clinician or data support team member who is a member of the VSGNE. Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, data analysts, quality improvement team members, and students of all these disciplines are eligible to apply.

Program Summary: The VSGNE was founded in 2001 as the Vascular Study Group of Northern New England, with the mission of improving the quality, safety, effectiveness, and cost of vascular healthcare by collecting and exchanging information.

A central element of achieving this goal is the pursuit and performance of quality improvement projects and research related to quality improvement in vascular care.

To help its members achieve these goals, the VSGNE will support several Quality Improvement Project awards this year as part of the VSGNE Quality Research and Improvement Project Award Program. The program will issue up to **five** awards this spring.

Applications for these awards should detail how the funds will be used to advance the quality of care for patients with vascular disease at their centers in New England. The application should have the following sections:

- **Innovation:**
 - Detail what challenge your work will address, and what is new and innovative about your idea (1 page).
- **Approach:**
 - Describe how you will execute the project and what you will use to measure the impact of your work (1 page).
 - Include timeline and deliverables.
- **Personnel:**
 - Describe personnel, hours per week, and budgetary requirements.
- **Challenges and Limitations:**
 - Outline what challenges you may encounter, and what limitations may exist after your project is completed (1 page).
- **Budget:**
 - A budget of *up to* \$10,000 for the project should be included. Capital and personnel needs should be described, and individual budget elements will be reviewed by VSGNE personnel. Attending physician salary support is not permitted as part of research budgets.

Instructions:

Applications must include a VSGNE member and be submitted via email to Angela Churilla (achurilla@svspsso.org) by **Friday, March 29, 2024**. Those accepting VSGNE QIP awards must be prepared to present a report at the Spring or Fall 2024 VSGNE regional meetings. The SVS PSO will consider all VSGNE Quality Improvement Projects for inclusion in the VQI Annual Meeting as a poster or podium presentation.