

Virginias Vascular Study Group Fall Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2019
11:00-4:00 pm
The Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, VA

Breakout Session for Data Managers

Attendance: Stacy Giardina (WVU), Michele Martin (Carillion), Chris Sytsma (Winchester), Beth Quinn (Sentara), Kelly Haddox (Q-Centrix), Angela Edwards (Henrico) , Deborah MacAulay (M2S)

- Meet and Greet
 - Discussed changing of the guard. Stacy Giardina has assumed the lead VVSG data manager role from Chris Sytsma. Thank you Chris for all of your hard work!
- What would you like to see at the regional meetings/quarterly calls?
 - Quarterly calls will take place after the National Calls with Carrie Bosela in order to pass on important information
 - Discussed VQI@VAM- suggested that instead of presenting case studies that national ask for specific questions within the registries that abstractors have issues with and review with the physician expert
- Coming together as a region
 - Identify the lead data manager for each center
 - Stacy is putting together a list that she will share with the group
 - Each center shares their process for entering data/which registries
 - Stacy is putting together a list of the processes at each center – hopefully this will be helpful if region members have a specific question on developing a process for their center.
 - Stacy to reach out to data managers to collect a list of questions and answers from pathways to put together a FAQ for our region to make sure we are all on the same page
 - Create a messaging group among the leads for each center to discuss real time issues?
 - We decided that an email group with the lead from each center would be the most productive
- QI Project Charters
 - Discussed the importance and process. Chis and Stacy have completed charters if anyone has any questions
- LTFU – Regionally we are at 70%
 - Found that there is issues with not having enough staffing to compete the follow ups and centers that have follow ups at private offices that abstractors do not have access to the information.
- Questions for National?
 - Why was 21 months chosen for the close of the long term follow up?
 - Is the lead data manager and physician notified when new centers join the region?

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VVSG FALL Meeting

Physician Attendance: Samantha Minc, Albeir Mousa, David Spinosa, Darrin Clouse, Dipankar Mukherjee, Rasesh Shah, Robert Larson, Rick Demasi, David Cassada, Jason Call, Andrew Lee

Quality Managers/Data Abstractors Attendance: Stacy Giardina, Chris Sytsma, Michelle Martin, Elizabeth Quinn, Carolyn Streck, Angela Edwards, Kelly Haddox, Mary Baldwin
Deborah MacAulay (M2S) Carrie Bosela (SVS, PSO)

Welcome and Introduction: Samantha Minc, MD and Albeir Mousa, MD Co-Medical Directors

- Dr. Minc and Dr. Mousa have assumed the position as Co-Medical Directors from Dr. Robinson.

VQI National Updates: Carrie Bosela, VQI/PSO

- 602 Centers, Canada and Singapore participants outside the US
- 18 Regional Quality Groups
- 625,251 procedure, PVI highest with 200,124
- SVS PSO Staffing Update:
 - Dan Neal has gone Part time and Kristopher Huffman is the new Director of Analytics
 - An offer has been made for a new role of Clinical Operations Associate that will report to Carrie Bosela
 - New Associate Medical Director role will be filled by March 2020
- VQI@VAM Highlights
 - 161 attendees
 - 60/40 split- Data Manager/Physician
 - 3.24/4.00 meeting evaluation rating
 - 25 posters were presented
- QI Charter Projects
 - QI Project Form can be accessed at <https://www.vqi.org/vqi-resource-library/quality-improvement/>
 - Project charters should be emailed to QI@SVSPSO.ORG or cjackson@svspsso.org
 - 6- point maximum credit for QI even though additional points can be acquired
 - One charter per VQI center
 - Final scoring completed: January 31, 2020
 - Star Ratings communicated: March 2020
- 3 Star Award Recipients
 - Winchester Medical Center
 - West Virginia University Hospital
 - Sentara Princess Anne Hospital
- 2019 Reports:
 - Quarter 1:
 - Spring Regional Reports,
 - QI Update: EVAR LTFU Imaging Update/Risk Calculator
 - Performance Awards
 - Quarter 2:
 - QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging

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- Center and System Dashboards
- Quarter 3:
 - Fall Regional Reports
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- Quarter 4:
 - QI Initiative Updates – DC meds and EVAR LTFU imaging
- Registry Updates:
 - Hemodialysis Access: In development and will be released in Q3 2019
 - Venous Stent Registry: Specifications finalized, to be released in Q3 2019
 - Varicose Vein: Specifications finalized, to be released in Q4 2019
 - Vascular Medicine Registry: Specifications finalized, to be released in Q4 2019

Council Updates

- RAC Update: Darrin Clouse, MD
 - No Restriction of data release based on similar projects; collaboration is encouraged
 - Only 1 refresh of data within 24 months of initial approval
 - Industry related projects need to collaborate with the steering committee/s (i.e. TCAR)
 - Review policy and industry charters on the web
 - Device Identification Policy: review on the web before submitting proposal
 - Proposal Submissions -October 2019
 - Call for Proposals: August 13, 2019
 - Due Date: September 16, 2019
 - Meeting: October 7, 2019
 - Notification Sent: October 8, 2019
- AQC Update: Darrin Clouse, MD
 - Opioid Workgroup is formed and charged with putting forth recommendations on how the VQI can be used to track, monitor and benchmark opioid utilization.
 - Continued refinement to Global Unique Device Identification Database (GUDID) integration in PVI, with planned expansion to other registries.
 - Initiating Future Registry Updates
 - Harmonizing Demographics and Meds across all registries
 - Updating Infra/Supra Registries
 - Updating OAAA
 - Provided Education and Clarification on recording “Other Devices” and IDEs
- VQC Update :David Spinosa, MD
 - Council and Committee Transition
 - Dr. Almeida is in his last year as Chair of VQC
 - Succession needed for VV Registry committee chair
 - Potential for Formation of a separate RAC for Venous
 - Continued Interest from United Healthcare on collaborating on Appropriateness for Ablations. Could eliminate the need for pre-authorizations
- GC Update: Samantha Minc, MD and Albeir Mousa, MD

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- Vote on new Executive Committee Member
 - Dr. Yazan Duwayri, Emory University
- Presentation on Potential New Cost Project – Expanding upon the EVAR Cost Pilot Project
- Need for New RAC Policies
 - Revised Data Use Agreements
 - **Non-VQI members cannot have access to VQI BDS**
 - How to handle center id in Regional Data Sets

TCAR Update: Rasesh Shah, MD (see slide deck)

VVSG Regional Data Review: Samantha Minc, MD and Albeir Mousa, MD Co-Medical Directors

- VVSG provides 10% of data on VQI
- Radiology has the highest participation in the region
- LTFU Falling short
 - Worst: ACC, CEA, EVAR, IVC, LEA
 - CAS better than national
 - Per Dr. Spinosa Inova switched to Q-Centrix – catching up with LTFU
- CAS/CEA Stroke rate dropped
 - Dr. Mousa questions if this is due to TCAR addition
- EVAR & CEA lowest LOS in country
- Bypass lowest complications in country
- IVC Filters- 7% with National at 32%
 - Discussed as a group success stories
 - Carolyne Stek states Sentara does not enter removal until 21 month window. This may account for some
 - Carrie suggested that everyone enter their follow up when the filter is removed and then you get credit for the removal and then you are not required to do a long term follow up but you get credit in your LTFU% for documenting when it was removed
- **Carrie Bosela can provide you with a list of primproc numbers for patients that fall out of the standard on reports.**
- **EVAR % sac size**
 - Regionally significantly lower than the rest of the country
 - Discussion regarding the fact that VQI does not capture EVAR sac size that is rapidly growing

VVSG Research/QI Presentations:

- Samantha Minc, MD, MPH, WVU Medicine *“Rurality and race as risk factors for primary amputation”*
- Dipankar Mukherjee MD, Inova Fairfax Medical Campus *“Is Transcarotid artery revascularization (TCAR) best under local (LA) or general anesthesia (GA)? Results from the SVS-VQI TCAR Surveillance Project”*

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- Andrew Lee MD, Charleston Area Medical Center *“Pre-operative risk score model to characterize predictors of spinal cord ischemia” & “Significant predictors of re-intervention following TEVAR with five-year follow-up”*
- Darin Clouse MD, University of Virginia, TBA

Closing Remarks, Meeting evaluation and Adjournment: Samantha Minc, MD and Albeir Mousa, MD
Co-Medical Directors

To get more involvement in next meeting:

- Each committee office with the medical directors will nominate an assistant officer in each committee.
- Will plan for vascular fellows/residents proposal competition/awards under direction of Dr. Clouse under RAC.
- Adding CME to our meeting will promote more engagement and attendance as suggested by Dr. Mukherjee
- Adding one hours for abstractors during next meeting to present challenging issues with data abstraction.
- Will have a serious consideration to unify the Virginia Vascular with West Virginia vascular as one society under “Virginias Vascular Society” Dr. Shah, Dr. Clouse and I will work on that important issue and I believe this will give strong ground for VVSG as well.
- Will be great to issue appreciation certificates for presenters/abstractors/fellows/residents/etc.
- Definitely having an IT person available to minimize significant headache.

Upcoming Meetings:

Spring 2020	April 2, 2020	Virginia Beach
VQI@VAM	June 15-16, 2020	Toronto Canada
Fall 2020	TBA	Greenbrier