

Virginia Vascular Study Group (VVSG)

June 14, 2023

5pm-7:30pm

National Harbor, MD (Hybrid)

Meeting Highlights/Action Items: See regional slide deck for detailed data.

On site attendance: See attendance sheet

Remote attendance: See attendance sheet

PSO Representative Attending Meeting: Caroline Morgan

I. Presentations:

- a. VVSG Regional Data Review- Dr. Minc
- b. VQI National Updates- Caroline Morgan
- c. Council Updates
 - i. AQC Update- Caroline Morgan
 - ii. VQC Update- Caroline Morgan
 - iii. RAC Update- Caroline Morgan
 - iv. GC Update- Caroline Morgan
- d. VVSG QI Presentations:
 - i. **Michael Spinosa, MD, MPH (Virginia Tech Clarion SOM)**- “Assessing Barriers to Enrolling Patients with Peripheral Artery Disease in Walking Programs”
 - ii. **Corey Kalbaugh, PHD (Indiana University)** - “Implicit Bias and Unintentional Harm In Vascular Care: The Case For Intervention”
 - iii. **Matthew Cunningham-Hill, MD (WVU Medicine)**- “Modern Analysis of the Odds of Stroke After Carotid Artery Stenting in Octogenarians Using the VVSG Regional VQI Database”

II. General Discussion and Questions

- a. A question regarding the audits. Will the 3rd party abstractors also get audited, and will they be provided feedback as well as the sites being audited?
 - i. This is the last phase of the pilot, and it will just be an aggregate of all centers. Next year when the real program launches, centers will be provided with feedback.
- b. Are we getting anywhere with the standardization of data for the VQI with EMRs?

- i. Yes, there was a presentation at VQI@VAM.
- c. Dr. Minc discussed the roll-out of the “Can Do” tobacco program.
 - i. A physician toolkit and patient toolkit has been created for smoking cessation.
 - 1. The VQI website will provide an easy way for providers to initiate that into their practice.
 - 2. A coding bundle is included so providers can code for having the discussion of smoking cessation.
- d. Dr. Minc discussed a presentation from VQI@VAM using “smart data” to populate an operative report and send the data to Pathways.
- e. Dr. Minc discussed a research presentation from VQI@VAM by a resident who created a machine learning carotid risk calculator and used it to look at outcomes for carotid revascularizations. A QR code was provided with the presentation.
- f. Discussion after Dr. Spinosa’s presentation.
 - i. Some barriers to supervised exercise therapy expressed included lack of resources, physical therapists not comfortable working with PAD patients, lack of transportation, and patient satisfaction.
 - ii. Ashlee Fletcher from Inova shared about their successful launch of a vascular rehab program.

III. Action Items (including QI projects):

- a. Continued discussion with Dr. Spinosa regarding the supervised walking program.

IV. Nominations (AQC, VQC, RAC, Medical Director):

- a. New VVSG Associate Medical Director – Dr. Paul White, MD – Inova Health System

V. Next Meeting:

- a. October 11, 2023. Morgantown, West Virginia

Attendance

Albeir Mousa
Ali Aburahma
Ashlee Fletcher
Ayorinde Akinrinlola
Betsy Wymer
Caroline Morgan
Corey Kalbaugh
David Spinosa
Devon Tressler
Elie Gharib
Elvir Sabanovic
Emily Wyatt
Heidi Mullenix
John Adeniyi
Joshua Adams
Kristen Young
Leka Johnson
Luisa Villaneva
Mark Miller
Mary Baldwin
Mary Collins
Mary Lynne Withrow
Matthew Borkon
Matthew Cunningham-Hill
Megan Collins PA
Melissa Wilfong
Michelle Martin
Morgan Emmart
Pamela Zimmerman
Paul White
Rachelle Sapp
Samantha Minc
Shadi Abu-Halimah
Sheri McDougle
Suzanne Beels
Zach-?



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Suzanne
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