

# Vascular Quality Initiative®

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## Varicose Vein Registry™ Facts

The American Venous Forum (AVF) and the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) have developed a new Varicose Vein Registry to collect in-depth data, using the M2S PATHWAYS data and analytics platform.

The Registry has been designed for both hospital-based practitioners as well as those working in outpatient facilities such as Vein Centers. A range of analytical tools will allow physicians, data managers and facility management to monitor outcomes, all in real time.

Here are answers to a number of frequently asked questions:

### **Q: Which varicose vein ablations will be collected?**

A: We will be collecting data on the following therapies:

- Thermal RF
- Thermal Laser
- Mechanochemical
- Chemical
- Embolic Adhesive
- Surgical

### **Q: Will follow up data be collected in the Registry?**

A: Yes. Follow up data is a key aspect of the Varicose Vein Registry. There will be a 4-8 week initial follow up, and a one year follow up.

### **Q: Do all cases have to be entered?**

A: Yes. Under the SVS PSO agreement, consecutive cases must be entered. Retrospective cases may also be entered as well, as long as they are consecutive.

### **VQI®**

The Vascular Quality Initiative is a distributed network of regional groups that use a Patient Safety Organization and the M2S cloud based system to collect and analyze data to improve the quality of vascular health care.

### **REGIONAL QUALITY GROUPS**

Through regional quality group meetings, VQI participants share data to develop quality improvement projects designed to standardize processes, improve outcomes, and reduce complications and costs.

### **SVS PSO**

The Society for Vascular Surgery Patient Safety Organizations houses the data registry used by VQI and collaborates with the FDA and medical device companies to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of vascular devices.

### **M2S, INC.**

M2S is the technology partner for the SVS PSO, providing the M2S PATHWAYS cloud-based platform for the collection and analysis of clinical quality improvement data.

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**Q: How long will it take to complete the contracting process?**

**A:** If you are already a VQI member, you can add the Varicose Vein Registry by completing a short amendment form.

If you are joining the VQI for the first time, we estimate the contracting process to take three to four months.

**Q: How much will participation cost?**

**A:** The annual membership fee is only \$2,170, which includes any number of physicians in a participating center. This entitles users to participate in regional quality group activities and receive user-customizable real-time reports.

**Q: What EMR providers can I use?**

**A:** We are in discussion with several vendors currently. We will provide the specifications to any interested EMR vendors.

**Q: Will the Varicose Vein Registry support the IAC Vein Center Certification?**

**A:** Yes. The Varicose Vein Registry specifications have been designed to support these requirements for Vein Centers.

If you have further questions or would like to arrange an individual or group demo for your organization, please contact the VQI Account Team on +1 (603) 298-5509 x331 or email [vqi@m2s.com](mailto:vqi@m2s.com).

## Key Facts about the VQI

Over **300 academic and community hospitals** currently enrolled

Over **2,000 physicians** participating

**16 Regional Quality Improvement Groups** across 45 states

Over **175,000 procedures** captured to date (>7,000+ per month)

Over **40 journal articles** based on VQI data

## VQI Registries:

- Carotid Artery Stent
- Carotid Endarterectomy
- Endovascular AAA Repair
- Open AAA Repair
- Hemodialysis Access
- Inferior Vena Cava Filter
- Infra-Inguinal Bypass
- Supra-Inguinal Bypass
- Lower Extremity Amputation
- Peripheral Vascular Intervention
- Thoracic and Complex EVAR
- **Varicose Vein**