
The registry, which launched in January, 2015, was set up to track systematically the outcomes of various treatments for varicose veins, ultimately providing guidance for both consumers and treating physicians.

“The power in the registry resides in the ability to look at a large and varied data set with importantly defined and relevant physician-generated granular endpoints and patient reported outcomes (PROs),” said Dr. Thomas Wakefield, who, with lead author Dr. Andrea Obi, developed the journal report.

The journal article, “First 10-month results of the Vascular Quality Initiative Varicose Vein Registry,” by a national team of vascular surgeons, examined the early data. The series included 1,406 patients undergoing venous ablations and phlebectomy. Overall, the reported outcomes were excellent, with significantly improved Clinical classification (CEAP) along with “much improved” Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO). Importantly, the complication rates including infection and venous thrombosis were 1% or less.

With governmental incentives for quality reporting, there is a pressing need for data in this evolving field.

Although the database is in its early stages, it is clear it will bear important fruit for both patients and clinicians looking for the best, proven venous treatments available.

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The Society for Vascular Surgery Patient Safety Organization (SVS PSO) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the SVS, and provides oversight of data-sharing arrangements, key outcome and quality measures and dissemination of information to participating providers. Collaborative organizations include the American Venous Forum and the Society for Vascular Medicine. In addition, the PSO has partnered with M2S to provide secure, cloud-based data management.

The Vascular Quality Initiative, a joint venture of the Society for Vascular Surgery and M2S Inc., collects and analyzes data to improve the quality of vascular care. Currently, VQI has 410 facilities, 3,000 participating physicians and more than 360,000 vascular procedures reported. The VQI includes 12 procedure-based registries and is a collaboration between 17 regional groups that use a Patient Safety Organization and the M2S PATHWAYS cloud-based system.

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