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MSTCVS QC and Michigan Opioid Update

The opioid work group is working with [MiOPEN](#) to finalize data variables to be collected. The goal is to identify opioid prescribing best practices based on our unique cardiac and thoracic surgery patient population. Data will be collected on 300 sternotomy and 300 thoracotomy patients.

Work group members:

- Dr. Zewditu Asfaw
- Dr. Reza Dabir
- Dr Kiran Lagisetty
- Dr. Alex Brescia
- Denise Kerr, NP
- Melissa Clark, MSN
- Patty Theurer, MSN



The group will meet at the 2018 MSTCVS Summer Meeting on Friday, August 10th at 5:30pm in the Arctic Bay Room.

Please contact [Patty Theurer](#) or [Melissa Clark](#) at the coordinating center if you would like to serve on the opioid workgroup and/or participate in gathering data for best practice development.

Quality Improvement Initiatives Report Submission Timeline

2018 Collaborative Wide Quality Initiative

- September 18, 2018 - Progress Reports Due to the Coordinating Center
- March 1, 2019 - Final Reports Due to the Coordinating Center

2018 Site Specific Initiative

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- March 1, 2019 - Final Reports Due to the Coordinating Center

2019 Site Specific Initiative

- February 4, 2019 - Proposed Site Specific Quality Initiative are Due
- September 17, 2019 - Progress Reports Due to the Coordinating Center
- March 2, 2020 - Final Reports Due to the Coordinating Center

Please contact [Melissa Clark](#) if you have questions about your quality initiative.



The 2018 MSTCVS Annual Summer Meeting August 9-12, 2018

The 2018 MSTCVS Annual Summer Meeting will be held at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Michigan August 9-12, 2018.

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Registration is still open for the summer meeting.

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[Summer Meeting Agenda](#)

Michigan TAVR Meetings November 2 and 3, 2018

[Michigan TAVR Data Abstractor Meeting](#) -
Friday, November 2, 2018 from 10am-4pm

[Michigan TAVR Combined Meeting](#) -
Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 8am-4pm



Meetings will be held at the Baronette Hotel in Novi.

Baronette Hotel - 27790 Novi Rd - Novi, MI 48377
(248) 349-7800

BCBSM Value Partnerships, New Medical Director

- Amy McKenzie, MD

Dr. McKenzie practiced family medicine for 16 years before joining Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan as associate medical director in 2013. Initially, she worked in quality and accreditation, helping the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Accreditation team achieve a perfect score on the National Committee for Quality Assurance standards and an accreditation status of *Commendable* for the commercial PPO product.

In 2014, she also joined the Family Medicine Foundation of Michigan's Board of Trustees. The Family Medicine Foundation of Michigan is dedicated to promoting medical student and resident interests, professional development, continuing medical education, research and public health. The foundation recognized Dr. McKenzie for her leadership by electing her president of the board of trustees for 2017-18.

Recently, she also joined the Certificate of Need Commission of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The Certificate of Need Commission is responsible for developing and approving review standards used by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to regulate select health facilities and services. It's an independent body appointed by the governor.

In her role as Value Partnerships medical director, Dr. McKenzie provides medical oversight and guidance to our programs, clinically supporting and leading this innovative work.



Congratulations to The 2018 Midland-MSTCVS Educational and Quality Fund Winners

With support from a long time Midland resident and benefactor, the MSTCVS will bring the best and brightest Cardiothoracic residents in the country to present their research at our annual summer meeting. The Midland-MSTCVS Educational and Quality Fund will support four residents, one from Michigan and three from other centers in the country, to attend our annual summer meeting and present their research in one of the following three categories: adult cardiac surgery, general thoracic surgery, and resident training.

Winner presentations will take place on Saturday, August 11th at 1:30pm during our upcoming summer meeting at Crystal Mountain Resort.

Congratulations to the 2018 winners!

- Alex Brescia, MD; Michigan Medicine
- Mehrdad Ghoreishi, MD; University of Maryland
- Matthew Henn, MD; Washington University
- Kimberly Holst, MD; Mayo Clinic

EACTS Sponsored Fellow



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EACTS is sponsoring a fellowship from the Francis Fontan Fund which offers an advanced trainee or early career surgeon in cardiovascular surgery the opportunity to spend four months with the Michigan Society of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons (MSTCVS QC) Quality Collaborative team. Goals include having the visiting Fellow acquire approaches successfully used in the MSTCVS QC and utilize/modify them to be a part of their home institution meetings and regional meetings.

Dr. Milan Milojevic, the first of two fellows, will join us in August and will attend the 2018 MSTCVS Annual Summer Meeting and the October quarterly Collaborative meeting.



Milan Milojevic

Milan became a certificated nurse in 2004, a Nurse anesthetist in 2007, a Medical Doctor in 2013, received his Master of Science in Health Sciences, specialization in clinical epidemiology in 2014, and is currently a resident in anesthesiology and critical care medicine at the Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Dedinje, Belgrade (Serbia) and a PhD candidate at the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at The Erasmus University Medical Center, Rotterdam (Netherlands).

He is currently an active member of The EACTS Clinical Guideline Committee.

Kudos: 2.81 Data Audits are Complete

MSTCVS Quality Collaborative Education and Audit Coordinators, Jaelene Williams and Dave Grix, have just finished the STS Adult Cardiac Surgery V.2.81 data audits.

Version 2.9 data audits will start in October 2018.

Thank you to everyone.



The Gail Bell Memorial Fund has been created to sponsor one data manager's attendance at the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting.

We had three coordinating center abstracts and three Michigan data manager abstracts submitted to STS/AQO.

The 2018 Fund Recipient, chosen from one of the three Michigan data manager's abstract, will be announced at the Summer meeting.

[To donate to The Gail Bell Memorial Fund Online](#)

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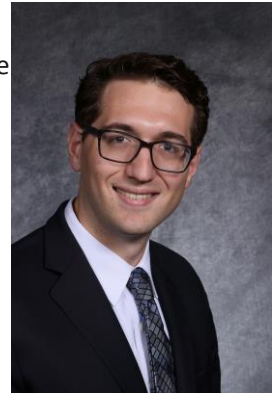
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Good Bye & Good Luck to Raymond Strobel

Raymond will be returning to his fourth year of medical school at UM, and will graduate in May 2019 with plans to pursue an I6 CT residency. It was a pleasure having him at the Coordinating Center the past nine months while he completed his master's degree in clinical research.

Congratulations and good luck Raymond. All of us at the coordinating center will miss your optimism and hard work!

"Immersion in the day-to-day function of the QC coordinating center was central to the value of my research year. Seeing how this team approaches problems and transforms raw data into a mechanism for surgeons and their teams to drive quality is instructive and inspiring. You made this possible - thank you. I am also thankful for the role you all played as my teachers - from troubleshooting SAS and Stata issues to helpful, humorous anecdotes for my surgical training, I enjoyed learning from you." -Raymond Strobel



MSTCVS Quality Collaborative is now on [Twitter](#).

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