MSTCVS
Data Manager Community Chat: COVID-19

March 20th, 2020
MSTCVS Community Chats

• First surgeon call was Tuesday, March 17th.
• First perfusion call was Thursday, March 19th.
• First data manager call Friday, March 20th.
Coordinating Center Operations

• All MSTCVS QC team members are working remotely from home.

• We continue to be available and encourage you to send your questions and abstraction scenarios as usual via email.

• Please do not fax anything to the Coordinating Center office.
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COVID-19 Resource Page on the MSTCVS Website
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources

COVID-19 Information

The MTCVS is actively monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic, with particular focus on the health and well-being of the cardiothoracic surgery community. The following links are listed from our state and other sources including national organizations recognizing information is evolving hourly.

Message Boards

- STS Community Chat – Requires a member log in.
- CTSNet Message Board – Everyone can view comments; requires a member log in to comment or post.

- Surgical Care and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) – American College of Surgeons
- COVID-19: Guidance for Triage of Non-Emergent Surgical Procedures – American College of Surgeons
- COVID-19: Recommendations for Management of Elective Surgical Procedures – American College of Surgeons
- COVID-19: An International Perspective – CTSNet

- Projected Date of ICU Bed Shortages by State During COVID-19 Outbreak – Health Leaders Magazine

Disclaimer: not meant for endorsement, but as a repository of available resources
CQI Participation

- BCBS has given CQI Coordinating Centers the ability to modify scoring models to account for disruptions caused by the pandemic.
- BCBS is expecting to reevaluate the situation at the end of April.
- The MSTCVS Coordinating Center is working with BCBS to reevaluate our measures and targets.
CQI Participation - VBR

• Our current cardiac surgery VBR measures that will be impacted are:

  o Isolated CAB patients that enroll and participate in outpatient cardiac rehab postoperatively.

  o Increase monthly team meetings for mortality, data, and QI project review.

March, April, and May will be excluded from these measures and we will reassess at the end of May.
CQI Participation - P4P

• Audits
  o On-site audits are suspended at this time.
  o Remote audits currently underway will continue when possible.
  o Additional remote audits may be scheduled if easily accommodated by you and your hospital.

• May Meetings
  o Planning in process to hold the May Quality Collaborative and ACS data manager meetings virtually.
  o Information will be provided via email and the MSTCVS website.
CQI Participation - P4P

• **Collaborative-wide Measure**
  Left atrial appendage ligation for isolated CAB patients with a history of atrial fibrillation/flutter
  
  o The volume of these patients will likely be reduced.

• **Site Specific Quality Initiatives**
  
  o Will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis
  
  o Direct questions to Melissa Clark at clarkmel@umich.edu
Staff Reallocation

• BCBS Attestation for CQI Data Abstractor Reassignment

If you are being reassigned due to the COVID-19 pandemic, complete and return to Sherry Binder at binders@umich.edu

You do not need to complete this form if you are not reassigned.
Surgeon Champion and Data Manager
Contact Information

To facilitate time sensitive communications, please send the cell phone number of your site’s primary data contact(s) and Surgeon Champion to Patty Theurer at ptheurer@umich.edu
Open Discussion / Q&A

• **Staff Reallocation**
  o Many data managers and QI personnel have been reassigned to various departments and roles including infectious disease, patient care, and triaging patients via a hospital hotline.

• **Elective Procedures**
  o Several data managers reported that their hospitals are no longer scheduling elective procedures.
Open Discussion / Q&A

- Future Calls and Community Chats
  - The next call will be Friday, March 27th at 2:00pm.
  - **This call is not required** and is being offered as a platform for MSTCVS data managers and QI personnel to discuss the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it is impacting the cardiothoracic surgery community.