



CESQIP Fall Newsletter 2018

Dear CESQIP Participants,

The AAES CESQIP Committee and the Endocrine Surgery Quality Foundation (ESQF) would like to thank you for your ongoing participation with CESQIP. CESQIP would not exist without your support. CESQIP began as a concept during a casual conversation at the 2011 meeting of the ATA in Palm Springs, CA and has now blossomed into a robust outcomes entity for endocrine surgery. The best is yet to come. Please find below an update on some key developments.

Governance

The AAES CESQIP Committee and the recently created ESQF share management responsibilities of CESQIP. The AAES CESQIP Committee oversees all aspects of data management and analysis whereas the ESQF manages the finances and provides global strategic oversight. Dave Schneider and Jen Rosen have been appointed Chair and Vice Chair of the AAES CESQIP Committee; a complete committee roster can be viewed at <https://www.endocrinesurgery.org/About-Us/Governance/Committees>. The ESQF Board of Directors members are as follows: Barry Inabnet (President), Allan Siperstein (Vice President), Joe Sharma (Secretary/Treasurer), Nancy Perrier, Julie Ann Sosa, Paul Gauger, Herb Chen and John Hanks. ArborMetrix is the 3rd party vendor that serves as the coordinating center for CESQIP.

Growth

Close to 50 sites are entering data into the CESQIP registry and there are now more than 31,000 unique case entries. The MedStar and Mayo Clinic programs are the most recent sites to join CESQIP – welcome! Under the leadership of Miguel Herrera, Latin America CESQIP is poised to launch at 12 sites in 5 countries. A handful of high volume international sites have joined the collaborative which will enrich the dataset. The complete roster of participating sites can be viewed at

<https://cesqip.org/participating-sites/>. The AAES CESQIP Committee is taking a close look at the existing data variables and their definitions in preparation for a gentle expansion of the data set in 2019-20. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting development.

Aggregate Data Analysis

The AAES CESQIP Committee has established a transparent and reproducible process for aggregate data analysis. To date, a total of 17 research proposals have been approved leading to numerous podium presentations and peer review publications. The AAES CESQIP Committee reviews all abstracts, presentations and manuscripts prior to submission to assure that the data are being presented accurately. Details for the 2019 CESQIP Aggregate Data Analysis Program will be released in early 2019.

Collaborative Project Modules

The architects of CESQIP built the registry in such a way to encourage collaboration between participating sites. The goal is to allow interested sites to collect additional data variables underneath the registry on a quality or research topic of interest. There are countless opportunities for such collaboration among CESQIP members. To advance this initiative, the TOETVA Collaborative Module was launched and is now collecting procedure-specific data on this new technique; to date 12 surgeons from 8 different sites have entered data into the module. Once enough cases have been entered, a quality dashboard will be launched to allow surgeons to monitor their outcomes in real time as compared to their de-identified peers. More announcements about the Collaborative Project Program will be forthcoming in 2019.

QCDR Program

Partnering with ArborMetrix, CESQIP is renewing its QCDR status with CMS for 2019. CESQIP surgeons can choose to use their CESQIP data to fulfill their MIPS requirement if their institution or practice is not part of a QCDR program. We are grateful to ArborMetrix for their genuine commitment to this important program.

Education

CESQIP sites that have endocrine surgery fellowships can use the CESQIP registry to track their fellows' case activity. The ultimate goal is to provide the fellows and the program directors with fellow-specific case volume and outcomes data on a quarterly basis to allow a more dynamic assessment of the fellows' training.

Quality/Outcomes Retreat

The AAES CESQIP Committee would like to organize and sponsor an Endocrine Surgery Quality Symposium during which members of the collaborative can review aggregate outcome data, openly discuss challenges and opportunities and best practice data management. We hope this session serves as a forum to discuss many of the improvements that the CESQIP Committee is overseeing, including data integrity and validation of self-reported data as well as future expansion. Discussions are underway between the AAES leadership, the AAES CESQIP Committee and the ESQF to determine the best way to organize this needed retreat.

Final Important Word

Please continue to support CESQIP by renewing your annual subscription, staying engaged with the program and encouraging your colleagues to join the collaborative. ***Further expansion of CESQIP and continued improvements to the dataset depend on your sustained support as well as recruitment of additional sites.*** Please contact any of the ESQF or CESQIP Committee members if you have any suggestions or questions about CESQIP. Great things lie ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support.