

Traumatic Amputation QUERI Workshop

Setting the Agenda for Evidence Based Best Practices and Quality Improvement Efforts: *Charge to Working Groups*

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Workshop Goals

Facilitate improvements in amputee health care quality, outcomes and efficiency

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QUERI Methods Working Group Session Goals

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Working Group Tasks

- Clinical WG, session 1
 - List key issues and ideas across QUERI steps
 - Group and refine issues and ideas
 - Outline (1) specific activities comprising QUERI strategic plan, (2) pre-QUERI needs
- QUERI WG
 - Compare, refine, combine step-specific ideas, plans
- Clinical WG, session 2
 - Refine QUERI strategic plan
 - Prepare 20 minute summary report
- Closing plenary session
 - Present reports for over-arching summary

Clinical Working Groups

1. Access to Healthcare/Resources in VA
2. Prosthetic Prescriptions: who gets/needs which prosthesis?
3. Prosthetic Fitting: how do we ensure proper fitting and adjustments?
4. Amputee Rehabilitation: what steps are needed/must be taken to achieve maximum function?
5. Comorbidities, Complications, and Psychosocial Issues Associated with Traumatic Amputation

Clinical Group Facilitator Role

- Lead group and keep on task
- Work with Recorder to capture important points
- Work to insure everyone contributes
- Coordinate allocation to QUERI step groups
- Prepare, present 20 minute oral report
- Help facilitate post-workshop follow-up

Clinical Recorder Role

- Record discussion highlights
- Clarify points as needed
- Work with Facilitator to capture key idea
- Work with group, Facilitator to finalize report elements
- Save notes, collect worksheets and flipcharts
- Follow Guidelines for Slides

Brainstorming Guidelines

- No criticism during brainstorming
- Far-fetched ideas are encouraged
- Many ideas are desirable – build on others
- Evaluate and select best ideas
- Flesh out key ideas

Guidelines for Slides

- Prepare concise bulleted text
- Use symbols (e.g., “&” vs. “and”)
- Do not use articles (a, the)
- 6-8 lines of text per slide, 6-10 words per line
- 3 or 4 bullets per slide

Misc Logistics

- Lunch “on own”; return for 2:00 WG start
- Clinical WG materials in tabs 4-8; rooms listed in left pocket
- QUERI WG materials in tab 9; rooms listed here:
 - Steps 1-2: McPherson Square
 - Step 3: Hamilton Ballroom
 - Steps 4/5/6: Farragut Square
 - Step C: Board Room

Misc Logistics (cont.)

- Dinner “on own”; facilitators/recorders receive input from QUERI WG reps and meet to draft report?
- Thu morning: return directly to Clinical WGs to complete reports, saving to disk/USB drive
- Thu lunch “on own” but dessert in Ballroom
- Complete evaluation form before departing: feedback, interest in post-meeting involvement

Logistics Questions, Acknowledgements

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