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Dear Colleague,

Re: East Midlands Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Regional Quality Improvement Meeting

As an NHS professional involved in the management of abdominal aortic aneurysms, whether as a doctor, nurse, GP, manager or commissioner, the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Quality Improvement Programme (AAAQIP) would like to invite you to attend the East Midlands Regional Meeting on Monday 17th October, at Northampton General Hospital, Northampton, 09:30 until 15:30.

The AAAQIP is working nationally to reduce the mortality of aneurysm repair in the UK to 3.5% by 2013, through improved care pathways, audit, and disseminating best practice. The project aims and strategies can be viewed at www.aaaqip.com

This meeting is aimed at developing communication, preoperative assessment, in-hospital care and post-discharge pathways to improve patient care and experience. We will be looking for input on all these topics in small groups with a view to refining the overall national strategy into a specific programme compatible with the service provision in the East Midlands. It offers a real and possibly unique opportunity to adapt central themes to the local environment.

We will require units to:

- Bring your team to enable you to effectively plan your local implementation strategy.
- Share current practice through group discussions and agree best practice quality standards.
- Volunteer to pilot ONE best practice protocol within your unit.
- Identify a champion/leader within your unit to lead the QI intervention work.

The programme for the day is also attached – this provides full registration information however should you require any further details please contact Roxanne Potgieter, AAAQIP Project Manager via email at roxanne.potgieter@nbt.nhs.uk or on telephone on 0117 323 2612.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your views on Monday the 17th October.

Best wishes

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AAAQIP Project Director

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Surgeon and Radiologist
Regional Representatives for AAAQIP