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Dear Colleague,

Re: London 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 a London Regional Meeting on Friday 7th October, at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, 10:30 until 17:00.

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 London. 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 Friday 7th October.

Best wishes

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Consultant Vascular Surgeons
Regional Representatives for AAAQIP