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Dear Colleague,

**Re: South East Coast 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 South East Coast Regional Meeting on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> October, at Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey, 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](http://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 South East Coast. 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 Eileen Kean, via email at [eileen.kean@fph-tr.nhs.uk](mailto:eileen.kean@fph-tr.nhs.uk) on telephone on 01276 604772.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your views on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Best wishes

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