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Non-Cardiac Vascular Quality-Based Procedure Expansion – Phase 2 Update

Dear vascular colleagues,

We are pleased to share this update regarding Phase 2 of the Non-Cardiac Vascular (NCV) Quality-Based Procedure (QBP) Expansion Initiative for both aortic aneurysm (AA) and lower extremity occlusive disease (LEOD) procedures.

As communicated by the Ministry of Health in February 2021 (and updated Frequently Asked Questions in May 2021), the NCV QBP will be expanded to include outpatient and non-elective procedures for AA and LEOD and advanced AA procedures. This expansion is being implemented in two phases:

- **Phase 1 (FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22):** update NCV QBP Clinical Handbooks (AA and LEOD) to include same day (outpatient) procedures; provide hospitals with flexibility to use inpatient QBP funding for outpatient procedures; mandatory reporting of same day Interventional Radiology (IR) suite procedures into the National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS) starting in FY 2020-21.
- **Phase 2 (FY 2022-23):** update NCV QBP Clinical Handbooks to include urgent/emergent (non-elective) and advanced AA procedures; establish carve-out and price for outpatient LEOD procedures (due to low volumes, there will be no carve out for AA procedures), urgent/emergent (non-elective) AA and LEOD procedures and advanced AA procedures; update formal NCV QBP Definitions used for funding.

The expansion will help to advance the uptake of minimally invasive and same day procedures in Ontario and allows for greater visibility and transparency into the management of AA and LEOD procedures across the province.

To support Phase 2 of this expansion, please find attached the NCV QBP Clinical Handbooks updated to include non-elective and advanced AA procedures and non-elective LEOD procedures. More details on the remaining aspects of Phase 2, including formal updates to the NCV QBP funding model and NCV QBP Definitions, will be shared by the Ministry of Health when available.

Additional details regarding the expansion of the NCV QBP can be found on the Ontario Health – CorHealth Ontario [Non-Cardiac Vascular Quality-Based Procedure Resource Centre](#).

For clinical questions, please contact the Ontario Health - CorHealth Ontario Service Desk at OH-CORH_Service@ontariohealth.ca. For questions related to QBP funding, please contact the Ministry of Health at HSF@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing high-quality care to vascular patients in Ontario.

Sincerely,



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