AmSECT Pillar Award Renewal Application

Section 5: Quality and Safety

Please verify that the following quality and safety standards are being maintained by your department.

1. Perfusion emergency protocols are accessible to help guide the user during an event.  
   - Yes
   - No

2. The perfusionist assigned as "primary perfusionist" on each case participates in the post-procedure debrief with the surgical team.  
   - Yes
   - No

3. Perfusionists in your department participate in a collaborative effort to implement a actionable crisis management plan for unforeseen circumstances that may prohibit the ability to perform standard duties.  
   - Yes
   - No

4. Perfusionists in your department participate in both institutional and departmental quality assurance and improvement programs, and safety reporting systems.  
   - Yes
   - No

5. Perfusionists in your department collect data concerning the conduct of perfusion via a clinical registry or database to advance quality and safety.  
   - Yes
   - No

In one page or less, please describe the process within your department for a new Quality Assurance (QA) goal that has been initiated within the last 3 years, separate from the one described in your last application. Address the following questions. Please note that this section must be completed and each bullet point addressed in order to submit the application.

- Who is assigned responsibility for monitoring the quality assurance process?
- Who is assigned to record quality assurance indicators?
- What indicators are collected? Describe the process and frequency of collection.
- What benchmarks (points of comparison developed for implementing best practices at best cost) are used for analyzing quality indicators?
- What thresholds are set to trigger an evaluation of current care?
- What is the cadence and format (attendees and agenda) of QA/QI meetings?
- Describe an improvement opportunity(s) that is identified in the event that evaluation of care is indicated.