



2005 STS Regional Activities

STS Regional Group	California	Colorado/ Wyoming	Delaware Valley
Name of Regional Group		Colorado/Wyoming	Delaware Valley STS Quality Improvement Initiative
Originating Purpose (Driving Force of Organization)		Mentoring of Data Managers; consistency in following data definitions. Sharing information.	To document health care outcomes on cardiac surgery patients through systematic and regular data review. To optimize patient care, maximize efficiency, minimize cost and promote quality and efficiency of cardiothoracic surgery.
Brief History		Start 1997 as group of Data Managers; joint meeting annually with surgeons; Participated HCFA/STS grant 2000-02. Then group waxed/waned with personnel changes; now revitalized.	Began with a group of 5 surgeons 1998. Incorporated April 2001. Data Managers join in January, 2002. 1st Harvest Spring, 2002.
# of Regional Members	58	15	14
# of Non-Regional Members	62	5	7
Surgeon Participation	Yes	Not at this time	Yes
Data Manager Participation	Yes	Yes	Yes
CT Surgery Team Participation (i.e. Administration, PA, NP, OR Staff, CRNA, Anesthesiologist, etc.)	Yes	None	Yes
Financial Support	Fees collected for reports and meeting registration	None	Each site submits member participation fee to cover the cost of each harvest. Meeting costs are supported through Industry support.
Past Activities	Annual meetings including national speakers and updates on public reporting from State representatives.	Poster at STS DM mtg in 02; Sharing of protocols; Data Definition consistency.	National speakers, Data Harvest Review, Focus on "Best Trends Sites". Draft Recommendations for Stroke Reduction presented Fall 03.
Current Activities	Annual meetings	Meet 2x a year; Case studies; mentoring of many new DM; vendor issues; Goals: possible site visits, sharing of process improvement activities. Physician speaker at regional meeting. Networking to share information and help answer questions.	Review data after DV STS QII draft recomm. presentation; Site survey re: stroke reduction DV STS QII Recommendations. Continue focus on 5 QI's: CVA, Afib, DSWI, Mortality, Prolong.Vent. Continue stroke initiative & begin focus on postop Afib for fall 2004.