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To: Adult Cardiac Surgery Database Surgeon Representatives and Primary Data File Contacts

If you want to participate in the PQRI Registry Test (per the April 14, 2008 email from STS Headquarters) you must be currently participating **and** reporting these 3 PQRI measures through claims-based submission to CMS.

The 3 measures are:

- #43, Use of Internal Mammary Artery IMA in isolated CABG
- #44, Pre-Operative Beta-Blocker in Patients with Isolated CABG
- #45, Perioperative Care: Discontinuation of Prophylactic Antibiotics for cardiac procedures

As a PQRI participant you may also report on additional measures other than the 3 above.

If you have submitted a consent for the PQRI Registry Test, and you are not a PQRI participant submitting these same 3 measures, please notify Gerry Tarafa via email @ gtarafa@sts.org as soon as possible in order that your consent be withdrawn.

Thank you,

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