



## **Join the STS General Thoracic Surgery Database**

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STS is now focusing on its outcomes program in General Thoracic Surgery. With 100 percent participation by surgeons performing general thoracic procedures, the **STS General Thoracic Database** has the potential, like the STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Database (the largest cardiac outcomes database in the world), to have a profound impact on outcomes and the future quality of patient care. **Now is the time to participate!**

✓ ***Benefits for your patients***

- Improved outcomes data can mean higher quality patient care
- Compare your process and outcomes with national standards to know what's working and what should be targeted for improvement

✓ ***Benefits for your practice***

- Document your practice's quality of care to third party payors
- Document your outcomes
- Implement a data-driven quality improvement program

✓ ***Benefits for the specialty***

- Provide clinical evidence to support equitable Medicare reimbursement
- Be prepared for Maintenance of Certification, as certification boards are increasingly including database participation among criteria
- Be ready if Medicare payment bonuses are offered for database participation

The goal is to achieve the most comprehensive database for general thoracic surgery through **100 percent participation**. Your participation can help you **improve the quality of care** delivered to your patients. Participation will also help ease your administrative responsibilities for assessing outcomes and quality improvement initiatives as required by many institutions and third party payors.

For more **information** on the STS General Thoracic Surgery Database, fill in the section below and fax to **Gerry Tarafa at (312) 202-5867**.

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