

# STS/DCRI Contacts

## STS CONTACTS

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Main Responsibilities: Primary responsibilities are the management of the activities for the Workforce on Patient Safety and Communications, Workforce on National Databases, and the 7 Task Forces associated with the Workforce and to grow the National Databases into new and exciting areas.

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Main responsibilities: Provide clinical support and oversight of operational aspects of the STS National Databases. Work with the Workforce on National Databases, Workforce on Patient Safety and Communications and the associated Task Forces related to Quality and Patient Safety.

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### **Gerard Tarafa, MBA**

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Main Responsibilities: Responsible for all operational issues related to STS National Databases, which includes guiding potential participants and vendors through the contractual process, providing ongoing site(s) support from data collection through harvest, and encouraging participant growth by representing the database for the Society.

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### **Amy Dancisak**

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Main Responsibilities: In conjunction with Senior Manager, coordinates activities related to the annual AQO conference, support activities related to STS National Databases' audits and assist in providing support for relevant Workforces and Task Forces meetings.

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## **DCRI CONTACTS**

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Main responsibilities: Oversee all DCRI database activities in relation to regional and national report design, database access and publications, and grant activities.

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### **Paul Meehan**

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Main Responsibilities: Oversees database management programming in relation to receiving submitted data files, processing data through quality control checks, generating Data Quality Reports, and preparing data for analysis.

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### **Carol Elliott**

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Main responsibilities: Primary Contact for questions pertaining to the Adult Cardiac Surgery Database harvest timelines, verifying data receipt, resolving data transmission problems, clarifying Data Quality Report concerns, monitoring data specification questions and interpreting final report matters. She is also the Secondary Contact for questions relating to the Congenital Heart Surgery and General Thoracic Surgery Databases.

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