



THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS

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About The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 5,400 surgeons, researchers, and allied health professionals worldwide who are dedicated to ensuring the best possible heart, lung, esophageal, and other surgical procedures for the chest. Founded in 1964, the Society is headquartered in Chicago, with an advocacy office in Washington, DC.

The cardiothoracic surgeons represented by STS are among the longest trained and most highly skilled in medicine. They are leaders in their hospitals and communities and have made great strides in innovation and quality improvement. The Society's mission is to enhance the ability of cardiothoracic surgeons to provide the highest quality patient care through education, research and advocacy.

In 1989, the Society founded the STS National Database to collect clinical quality data and provide feedback to surgeons to improve quality nationwide. Today, the STS National Database contains more than 3 million records.

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