

Section A: ADMINISTRATIVE

Section Intent: Describes the organizational data fields necessary for data submission by an approved software vendor.

Sequence #	Data Field	Data Field Intent	Field Name Clarification	Source Document
10	Software Vendor Identifier	Name (assigned by STS) given to identify software vendor (up to 8 characters).	Vendors should use standard name identification across sites. Changes to Vendor Name Identification must be approved by the STS.	Assigned value, automatically inserted by vendor software.
20	Software Version	Vendor's software product name and version number identifying the software which created this record. Vendor controls the value in this field.	Version passing certification/harvest testing will be noted at warehouse.	Assigned value, automatically inserted by vendor software.
30	STS Data Version	Version number of the STS Data Specifications/Dictionary, to which each record conforms.	The number will identify which fields should have data, and what are the valid data for each field. This must be entered into the record automatically by the software.	Assigned value, automatically inserted by vendor software.
40	Participant ID	Participant ID is a unique number assigned to each database participant by the STS. A database participant is defined as one entity that signs a Participation Agreement with the STS, submits one data file to the harvest, and gets back one report on their data. The participant ID must be entered into each record.	Each participant's data, if submitted to harvest, must be in one data file. If one participant keeps data in more than one file (e.g. at two sites), the participant must combine them back into one file for harvest submission. If two or more participants share a single purchased software and enter cases into one database. The data must be extracted into two different files, one for each participant ID, with each record having the correct participant ID number.	Assigned value, automatically inserted by vendor software.
50	Record ID	An arbitrary, unique number that permanently identifies each record in the participant's database (note that unlike the PatID value, this does not identify the individual patient). Once assigned to a record, this number can never be changed or reused.	The value by itself can be used to identify the record in the participant's database. When used in conjunction with the ParticID value, the number can identify the record in the data warehouse database. The data warehouse will use this value to communicate issues about individual records with the participant. This value may also be used at the warehouse to link to other clinical data.	Unique permanent value for each record, generated automatically by vendor software.

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60	Cost Link	A participant specified alpha-numeric code that can be used to link this record's clinical data with the participant's cost information for this patient admission.	This information may be used in the future to perform procedure cost analysis (for which the actual cost data would have to be harvested separately). The value in this field must not be the patient's Medical Record Number, Social Security Number or any other patient identifying value.	
70	STS Trial Link Number	Patient known to be in an IRB-approved clinical trial or patient known not to be in an IRB-approved clinical trial.	Enter the number 1 (one) for a patient known to be in an IRB-approved clinical trial at the time of the surgical procedure. Enter the number 9 (nine) for a patient known NOT to be in an IRB-approved clinical trial at the time of the surgical procedure. Leave blank if it is not known whether or not the patient is enrolled in a clinical trial.	Research study file Clinical trial consent
80	Patient ID	This is an arbitrary number (not a recognizable ID like SSN or Medical Record Number) that uniquely and permanently identifies each patient.	Once assigned to a patient, this number can never be changed or reused. If a patient is admitted to the hospital more than once, each record for that patient will have the same value in this field.	Unique arbitrary permanent value for each patient, generated automatically by vendor software.