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Will the abstractor be able to enter data directly into IQVIA?	Not with Phase 1 but this is planned functionality for a future release.
Will there be a fee charged for using IQVIA through STS?	There will be no additional fees for using IQVIA as the Data Warehouse. Later in 2020 there will be an opportunity to do direct data entry via IQVIA. There will be no additional fee for using direct data entry via IQVIA.
Susan Becker will no longer be over GT?	No, Susan will be focusing on STS National Database Operations. Leigh Ann Jones will be the General Thoracic Database Manager.
Will IQVIA replace vendors like Bayatree?	No, vendors will continue to be used and IQVIA is working directly with vendors. Vendors are key to having site's data submitted to IQVIA.
I believe IQVIA is handling the AHA Mission: Lifeline database as well; there is an issue with submitting our Chest Pain MI data due to Vendor issues? Will we have the same issue with the STS?	The vendors will have an opportunity to participate in a testing process to validate their files for successful submission prior to go-live.
Are new specifications going to be published for STS Thoracic, Adult Cardiac, or Congenital? If so when are they going to be published and available? How long will vendors have to implement it?	The next upgrade for Adult is going live July 1, 2020. Delivery of adult specs to vendors is anticipated December/early January. Following adult cardiac is the upgrade for General Thoracic and that is set to go live January 2021.
Will sites have to sign a BAA or DUA with IQVIA and if not how is this covered?	Your current Participant Agreements have a BAA that you signed with STS. STS has signed a sub-BAA with the new Data Warehouse (IQVIA). So, no you will not need to sign an agreement with IQVIA.

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<p>Will this presentation be available to review later or download? To get contact information.</p>	<p>Yes, these presentations will be available on the STS webinar page for review. https://www.sts.org/registries-research-center/sts-national-database/sts-national-database-webinars</p> <p>Please send any questions to STSDB@sts.org</p>
<p>Will more than one person per participant have access to the Dashboard with IQVIA?</p>	<p>Yes, the new platform can provision multiple user accounts per Participant and also provides role-based access to allow those user accounts to interact with different parts of the system. More information regarding roles/permissions will be coming up in our November/December webinars.</p>
<p>What do I need to tell my IT department in order to prepare for this change? I currently enter data into Lumedx and then upload to STS.</p>	<p>IQVIA is preparing materials for Participants/vendors to share with their IT departments prior to the January 1 transition. More detailed information will be shared with Participants in November/December.</p>
<p>For clarification, we will be submitting our data to the IQVIA instead of DCRI.</p>	<p>Yes, beginning January 1, you will be submitting data to IQVIA instead of DCRI.</p>
<p>Who is developing the specification IQVIA or STS? Will IQVA provide a service for web based vendors to submit data or will users have to log into IQVIA's site to submit harvest?</p>	<p>STS and the STS surgeon leaders/core group members create the data specifications. At this time, there is not a service for web based submission by vendors. Participants will need to log into IQVIA's site and upload their data files for submission.</p>

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How often will the dashboard be updated? Daily?	The dashboard will be updated nightly. Remember, your data will only be updated as often as you submit data to the Data Warehouse. Dashboard reports containing risk-adjusted data will be updated following the risk-adjustment process that will continue to happen at DCRI based on each database's harvest schedule.
Will IQVIA/STS have a free database system to enter data? If, so will it have the ability to run customized data?	Direct data entry is not going to happen in Phase 1. When direct data entry is available there will not be an additional fee for this service. However, there will not be any customization available with this "free" service. If Participants require customization (custom fields, etc.), they will need to continue using vendor software.
Will dashboards have direct link to drill down data?	Yes, the dashboards will have drill down capability.
If we use IQVIA for data entry, will we still need to "harvest" a file to STS?	If you use IQVIA for direct data entry, it will not be necessary to "upload" a data file for "harvest".
Will the monthly webinars replace the current monthly abstractor phone calls?	These monthly webinars are different from the "Eddie calls". The Eddie calls are not sponsored by the STS and it is not our intent to replace these calls. These monthly webinars will have surgeon participation as well as provide the opportunity to discuss clinical scenarios, etc. These webinars are STS's way of making sure we provide Data Managers with the tools needed to do their job successfully.

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Since STS- GT will be upgraded in 2021, will data abstractors have input/ review the data set form to submit suggestions? Will there be more data elements or less?	STS has just started the upgrade process. All of the GT surgeons are very deliberate in the data variable selection. At this time, we cannot say what will be added or removed from the current version. We will be asking for data manager feedback on the data collection form. STS will be asking for volunteers, so please keep an eye out for any announcements in Database News.
If we were to switch from our third party vendor to IQUVIA, how will our older data in the vendor transfer over?	Data (versions 2.3 and 2.41) currently in the data warehouse will be migrated over to IQVIA. Historical data (prior to data version 2.3) will be archived and will be housed at IQVIA, but this historical data will not be available in the dashboard.
Once IQVIA goes live, will we receive a DQR through them or will it still come from DCRI?	Beginning January 1, DCRI will no longer be the Data Warehouse for STS. IQVIA will be the Data Warehouse. Data Quality reports will be provided by IQVIA and will be available on the Participant's dashboard.
When a user enters directly into the IQVIA data entry platform, the data does not automatically appear in the data warehouse. The user would need to be able to clean their data and then send to the data warehouse at their own discretion	If you are using direct data entry, the validation would happen immediately as you enter the data.
Will non-analyzable cases still be able to be entered?	Yes, you will be able to enter all the cases that you are entering in now.
Is it necessary to listen in to the ACS webinar Friday? Is it the same information?	Generally the same information, but there will be some specific information regarding the Adult Cardiac session at AQO.

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Will we have the ability to query data from the vendor for historic data further back than the 6 years which is being discussed now in this webinar?	You will have all of your data locally. Your vendor software contains all of your data so you will have the ability to query that historical data.
Once I submit the data, I receive a report with gaps, etc... I correct them and resubmit. Will I still be able to follow this process?	Yes, the practice will pretty much stay the same. There will be no major changes to the current process with the go live on January 1st.
How can I retrieve a copy of my data from DCRI?	Participants need to go to the DCRI report module and download all of their historical pdf reports. IQVIA will have copies of these historical reports, but they will not be readily available for access.
Will we have the ability to query from IQVIA?	In the dashboard, yes. However, it does depend on what the Participant is wanting to query. Basic query information will already be present. There is no ability to set up an ODBC database connection to query data using custom SQL statements; however, there are prepared reports with drill down capability.
Will IQVIA database allow you to run data tables (each patient on a row with all data fields in the columns)?	No, this will not be a feature at this time.
I just want to confirm that IQVIA will only have STS data and not any site specific data points.	There will be no custom data fields. IQVIA will only have the STS data fields available for data entry.

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<p>When submitting data to DCRI, i get preliminary report where i fix it and submit it back and forth till i get all clean before final submission, will that be supported by IQVIA?</p>	<p>Yes, the practice will pretty much stay the same, however the number of rejected records is expected to increase as validations will be applied more strictly than they have been in the past. No major changes to the current process with the go live on January 1st.</p>
<p>Is IQVIA going to be the only allowed data entry tool sometime in the future? Or will we always be able to use a different third party vendor that allows personalized data queries / reports, etc.</p>	<p>No, the current vendors will not be going away. Participants will continue to have the option to use a third party vendor.</p>
<p>My vendor provides great customer support, will IQVIA have customer support system?</p>	<p>Yes, IQVIA does have a 24 hour customer support system. STS and IQVIA are working to develop a support plan to best serve the STS Participants.</p>
<p>if we are only permitted to enter data into one or the other, either our vendor or IQVIA directly, and if we cannot do personalized reports via IQVIA what would be benefits be of using IQVIA only for data entry?</p>	<p>Some sites only want to enter data and do not run internal reports. This would be a site decision.</p>