



Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Congenital Heart Surgery Database  
Monthly Webinar

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# Agenda

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- Welcome and Introduction
- STS Update
- STS Data Manager Education (Chasity Wellnitz and Leslie Wacker, CHSD Consultants)
- Q&A

# STS Updates

- December Training Manual posted
- Fall 24 Harvest Update
  - Surgery dates 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2024
  - Report released December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- 2025 Harvest Schedule has been posted
  - Spring 2025 close date: **March 21, 2025**
  - Fall 2025 close date: **September 26, 2025**
- Public Reporting Update
  - Website updated Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> using results from Spring 24 Harvest

# CHSD Executive Dashboard Now Available

- Risk-Adjusted Operative Mortality (Table 16)
  - Reported by STAT Category for each age group
  - Combined reporting of age groups and STAT Categories, mimicking the Publicly Reported Data
- Longitudinal Risk-Adjusted Operative Mortality (Table 16)
  - Provides trending of risk-adjusted operative mortality over the last four harvests (two years) by STAT category and age group.
- Post-operative Length of Stay by STAT Category
  - Provides participant vs. STS benchmark for post-op LOS by STAT Category using the previous harvest data.
- Near real-time update of the number of procedures submitted to the STS CHSD reported by year
- Participant performance on meeting inclusion eligibility for analysis.
  - Utilizing Green, Yellow, and Red status – provides sites with a streamlined approach to ensuring their data will be included in the upcoming harvest analysis.
  - Includes drill-down capabilities to allow easy access to cases needing attention

## Education Updates - *agenda*

- Changes to OpTypes VAD Operation Done with/without CPB (OpTypes 6 & 7)
  - Case inclusion requirements
  - Define otype qualities
- Percutaneous VAD implant – coding instructions
- Case scenarios

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Current Guidance:  
TM page 8

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The current recommendation for the adult congenital patients is to continue to enter the cases as you have been in the past. For example, a free-standing children's hospital will continue to enter every procedure completed at their institution. An institution with both pediatric and adult surgical services will continue to **enter** the combined patients in the congenital or adult database or both. Institutions should have a consistent data entry strategy at the programmatic level and not make the determination based on a patient's outcome. More guidance on adult congenital case inclusion is anticipated.

In the event a cardiac surgeon (listed on the participant's Schedule A) completes a case with another surgical service (e.g., general surgery), the case is to be included in the CHSD if the cardiac surgeon is a co-surgeon and dictated their own operative note (the cardiac surgeon will be the primary surgeon in the database for the case). If the cardiac surgeon truly serves as an assistant to the other surgical service, the case cannot be entered into the CHSD (update Sept-23).

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2. Better define cases which should be considered “OpType VAD” (OpTypes 6 and 7)
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  2. (7) VAD Operation Done without CPB

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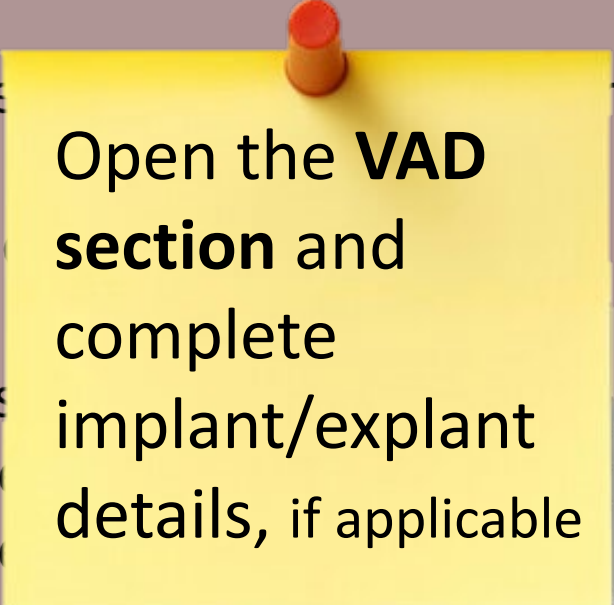
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Open the **VAD section** and complete implant/explant details, if applicable

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2380	VAD, Implant	<p>Insertion of a ventricular assist device (VAD).</p> <p>A VAD is an assist device implanted <i>with</i> the intent of providing prolonged durable support.</p> <p><b>Includes VAD implants as a bridge to transplant or destination therapy (update May-24).</b></p>
3820	Right/Left heart temporary assist device, Implant	<p>Insertion of a left or right temporary assist device. A temporary device is an assist device implanted <i>without</i> the intent of providing prolonged durable support.</p>

Confirm with your surgeon if documentation unclear regarding durable/long-term support

## Question #4

Patient with myocarditis undergoes implant of a temporary ventricular assist device using Berlin (durable) cannula and CPB support. What is the correct Primary procedure?

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# Training Manual:

3820	Right/Left heart temporary assist device, Implant	<p>Insertion of a left or right temporary assist device. A temporary device is an assist device implanted <i>without</i> the intent of providing prolonged durable support.</p> <p><u>Coding Notes:</u></p> <p>Examples include percutaneous <u>Impella</u> and Tandem Heart catheter-based devices.</p> <p>If this procedure is coded, complete the VAD section questions in the database.</p> <p>If durable cannulas are used, code procedure (2380) VAD, Implant regardless of the device it is connected to. For example, utilizing Berlin heart cannulas with a Centrimag device. Code VAD, Implant.</p> <p>If not clear in the medical record, confirm with your surgeon if the intent of the implanted device is to</p>
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**If in doubt, discuss surgical plan/details with your surgeon.**

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- Other
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## OpType VAD with Multi-Component Procedures

### *In Summary -*

- Refer to TM (January '25) for detailed explanation
- All VAD operations are to be submitted
- New rule applies to multi-component procedures completed with VAD implants (may include VAD procedures and VAD change outs)



# Open Discussion

Please use the  
Q&A Function.

We will answer as  
many questions as  
possible.

We encourage  
your feedback and  
want to hear from  
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## Monthly Webinars

- 1/21/25 @ 12pmCT
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