

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Adult Cardiac Surgery Database
Monthly Webinar
Data Manager Survey

April 2, 2025



STS National Database™
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Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Important Dates

STS Updates

Data Manager Survey 2025

Important Dates



Harvest Dates 2025

Term	Harvest Submission Window Close	Opt-Out Date	Includes Procedures Performed Through:	Report Posting	Comments
Harvest 1	2/21/2025	2/25/2025	12/31/2024	Spring 2025	Star Rating
Harvest 2	5/23/2025	5/27/2025	3/31/2025	Summer 2025	
Harvest 3	8/22/2025	8/26/2025	6/30/2025	Fall 2025	Star Rating
Harvest 4	11/21/2025	11/25/2025	9/30/2025	Winter 2025	

Analysis for each harvest is based on a 36-month window.

Data Submission Open is continuous for all harvest terms. Submission Close occurs at 11:59 p.m. Eastern on the date listed.



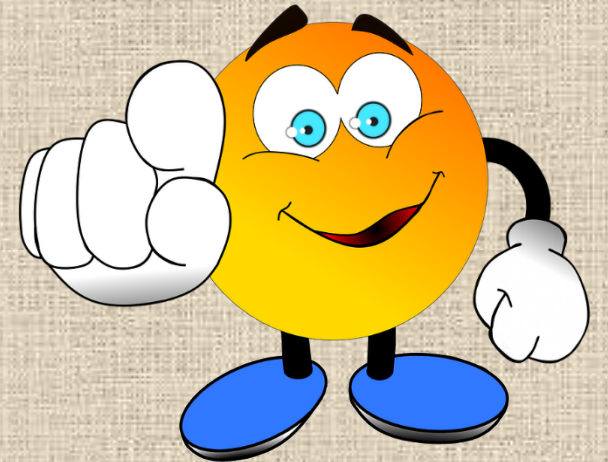
Data Manager Training Webinar Agenda 12:00 PM CT

Session 1	2/25/2025	Overview STS Website, FAQ Mailbox, Training Manual and Other Resources
Session 2	3/4/2025	Overview of Data Specifications, Software Specifications, Risk Model
Session 3	3/11/2025	Case Inclusion and Choosing the Index Procedure, PROC ID Chart
Session 4	3/20/2025	Harvesting your Data and the Data Quality Report
Session 5	3/25/2025	National Report Overview and Process / Outcome Measures
Session 6	4/1/2025	Updating Participant Forms, STS Helpdesk, and Red Cap Forms
Session 7	4/8/2025	IQVIA Reporting Overview



QI Series

- Our next quality webinar is April 16th 2CT
- Dr. Karen Singh, University of Virginia
- We need presenters and we want to hear from YOU!



STS Updates

The following documents have been updated

- April Training Manual
- 2024 Harvest 4 Multiplier Table



AQO 2025

- Intermacs and Pedimacs Session: Tuesday, September 23rd VIRTUAL
- CHSD and GTSD Sessions: Thursday, October 2nd
- **ACSD Session: Friday, October 3rd**
- Grand Hyatt San Antonio Riverwalk
- AQO Session Proposal deadline is April 18th
 - [Learn more about submitting a session proposal.](#)
- Both In Person (ACSD, CHSD, GTSD) and Virtual options (all databases) will be available
- Cost information will be shared as soon as it's available

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 Event

2025 Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting

Discussions on valuable research and important clinical findings with the goal of improving data collection and patient outcomes.



 Date(s)

Oct 2–3, 2025

 Location

San Antonio, TX

 Audience

Allied Health
Data Manager



Networking Opportunities

- STS Data Managers Facebook Group
 - At last check up to 455 Members!
- STS Data Manager Collaborative
 - Formerly the Data Manager Mentorship Program, pairs data managers who are seeking advise related to data abstraction.
- STS Regional Groups
 - Offers a collaborative networking environment for peer-to-peer support and non-clinical guidance related to abstraction across specific regions.



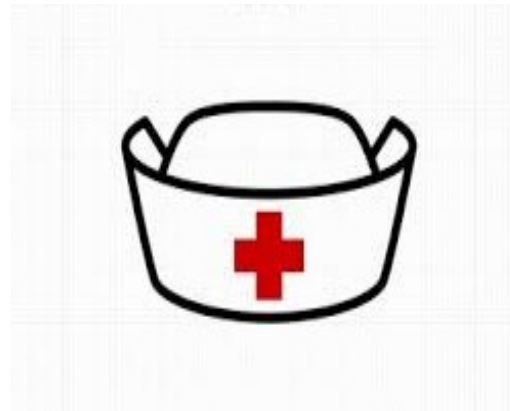
2025 ACSD Data Manager Survey



What is your background?

- ✓ APN
- ✓ Health Information Management/Medical Records
- ✓ IT – non-medical
- ✓ Other Clinical
- ✓ Other Physician
- ✓ Perfusionist
- ✓ QI – non-medical
- ✓ RN

QUALITY



Who do you abstract for?

- ✓ Data Abstraction Company
- ✓ Hospital
- ✓ Both

How long have you been abstracting?

- ✓ Less than 1 year
- ✓ 1 to 2 years
- ✓ 3 to 5 years
- ✓ 6 to 9 years
- ✓ 10 years or more





EXPERIENCE

What was your previous experience?

- ✓ Clinical cardiac surgery (CV, OR, CVICU, Perfusion)
- ✓ Clinical non-cardiac surgery (cardiology, non-cardiology other medicine, medical administration)
- ✓ Non-clinical and not in healthcare
- ✓ Non-clinical but within healthcare



What are your work responsibilities?

- ✓ STS ACSD only
- ✓ STS database and other clinical responsibilities
- ✓ STS and other cardiology database(s)
- ✓ STS database and other non-clinical responsibilities
- ✓ STS database and other surgical database(s)
- ✓ Other, I do not abstract

Which database do you abstract?

- ✓ ACSD
- ✓ ACSD/CHSD
- ✓ ACSD/GTSD
- ✓ ACSD/Intermacs
- ✓ ACSD/CHSD/GTSD
- ✓ ACSD/CHSD/GTSD/Intermacs
- ✓ ACSD/CHSD/GTSD/Intermacs/Pedimacs



What is your assigned participant role in the STS National Database?

- ✓ Backup Data Contact
- ✓ Primary Data Contact
- ✓ Both
- ✓ Neither





How many people abstract at your hospital?

- ✓ 1
- ✓ 2
- ✓ 3
- ✓ 4
- ✓ 5+

How many cases do you abstract per month?

- ✓ Less than 5 cases
- ✓ 5 to 10 cases
- ✓ 11 to 20 cases
- ✓ 21 to 30 cases
- ✓ 31 to 40 cases
- ✓ 41 to 50 cases
- ✓ 51 to 100 cases
- ✓ 101 to 200 cases
- ✓ 201 + cases





How many hours does it take to abstract a case?

- ✓ Less than 1 hour
- ✓ 1 to 2 hours
- ✓ 3 to 4 hours
- ✓ 5 to 6 hours
- ✓ Greater than 6 hours



What is your timing of abstraction for a case?

- ✓ Real time
- ✓ Within 1 week of OR date
- ✓ 1 to 4 weeks after OR date
- ✓ Greater than 4 weeks after OR date



How many cases per year does your hospital perform?

- ✓ 0 to 50
- ✓ 51 to 100
- ✓ 101 to 200
- ✓ 201 to 500
- ✓ 501 to 1,000
- ✓ Greater than 1,000



Do you utilize a third-party abstraction company?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No
- ✓ Do not work at a hospital



What source do you collect data from for abstraction?

- ✓ Paper/scanned medical records
- ✓ Electronic health records (EHR)
- ✓ Both

How do you abstract data?

- ✓ Directly to vendor's software/DDE
- ✓ Paper to vendor's software/DDE



Is there a process in place for tracking patients post-operatively/discharge?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No





Does the surgeon fill out the operative section? Or provide information besides the op note?

- ✓ Yes, they fill out both the operative section and surgeon worksheet
- ✓ Yes, they fill out the operative section
- ✓ Yes, they fill out the surgeon worksheet
- ✓ No, they do not fill out the operative sheet or surgeon worksheet

Are your surgeons available to answer questions?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No



Do your surgeons review
the ACSD quarterly
reports?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No





Has your site ever been audited by STS?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No
- ✓ Unknown



Do you perform internal audits on your ACSD data?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No
- ✓ Unsure



Have you utilized your STS data for Quality Improvement projects?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No
- ✓ Unsure

Rate STS's communication over the last year:

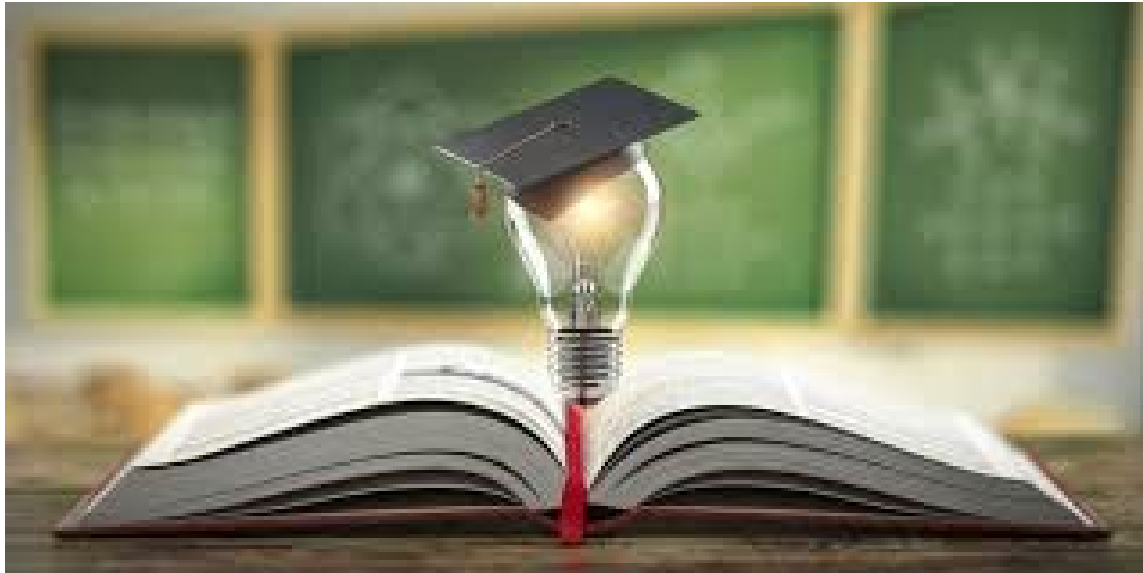
- ✓ Excellent
- ✓ Pretty Good
- ✓ Average
- ✓ Poor





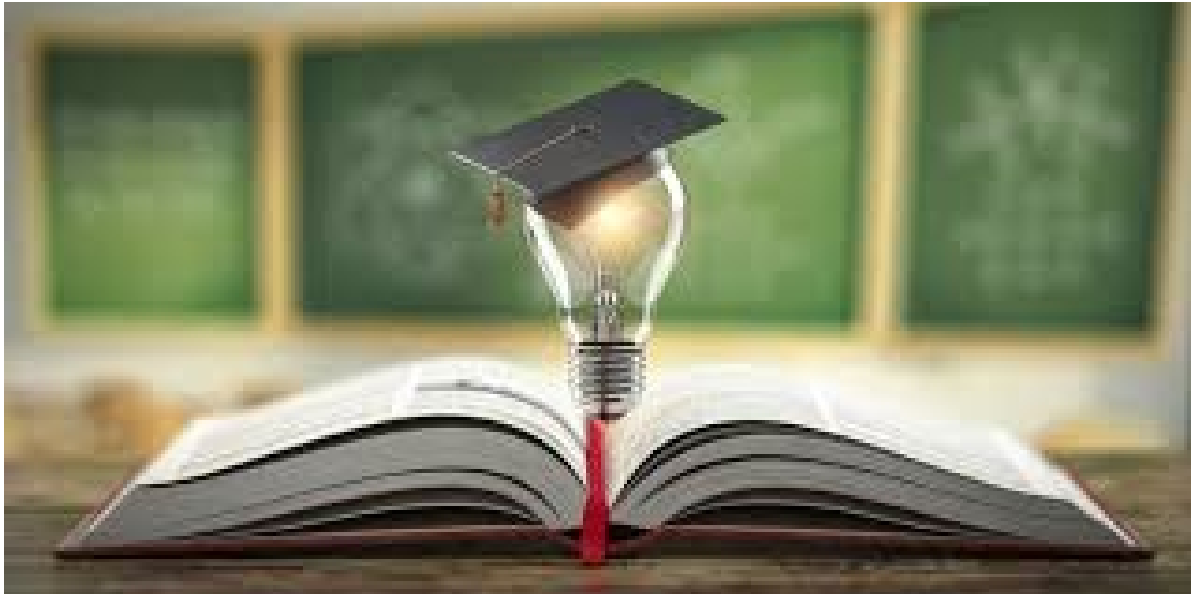
Do you find the monthly webinars helpful?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No



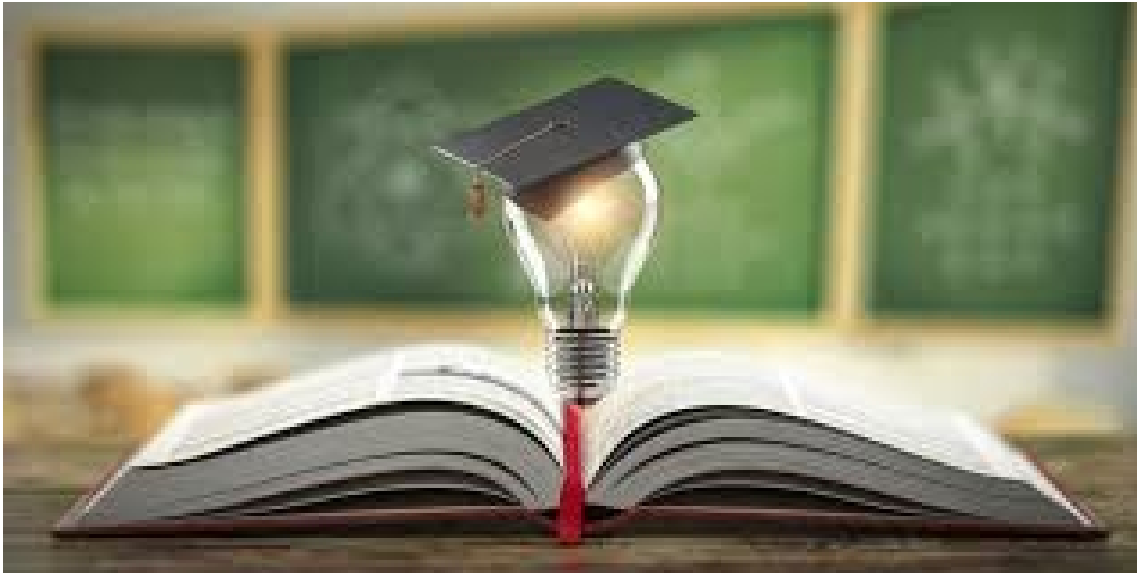
Do you feel you have the resources to do your job correctly?

- ✓ Yes, the resources are good
- ✓ No, need more training opportunities



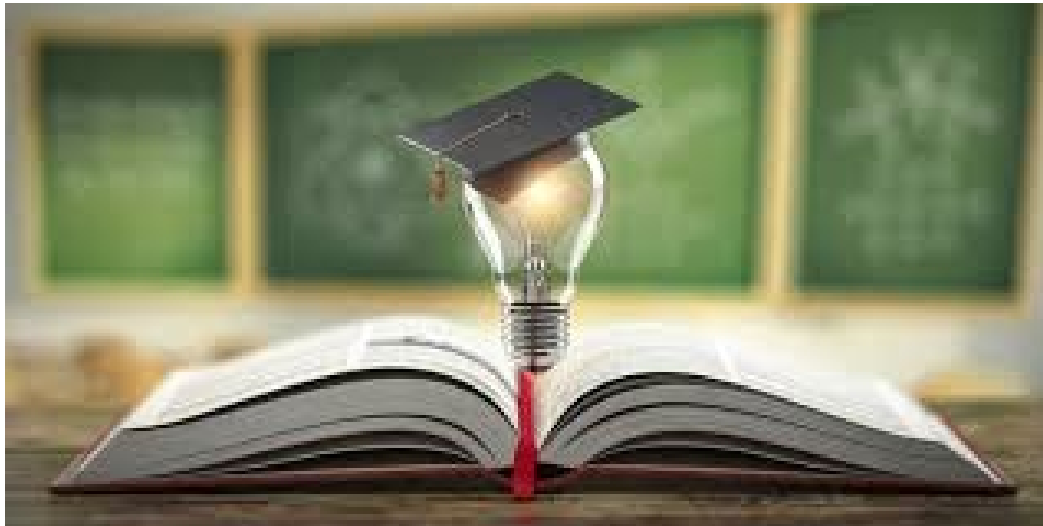
How do you utilize the ACSD training manual?

- ✓ Review monthly, still have questions
- ✓ Review monthly, answers my questions
- ✓ Review prior to submitting an FAQ
- ✓ What is the ACSD training manual?



Do you participate in the Data Manager Collaborative?

- ✓ Yes, participating as a mentee
- ✓ Yes, participating as a mentor
- ✓ Aware of the program, not participating
- ✓ Unaware of this program

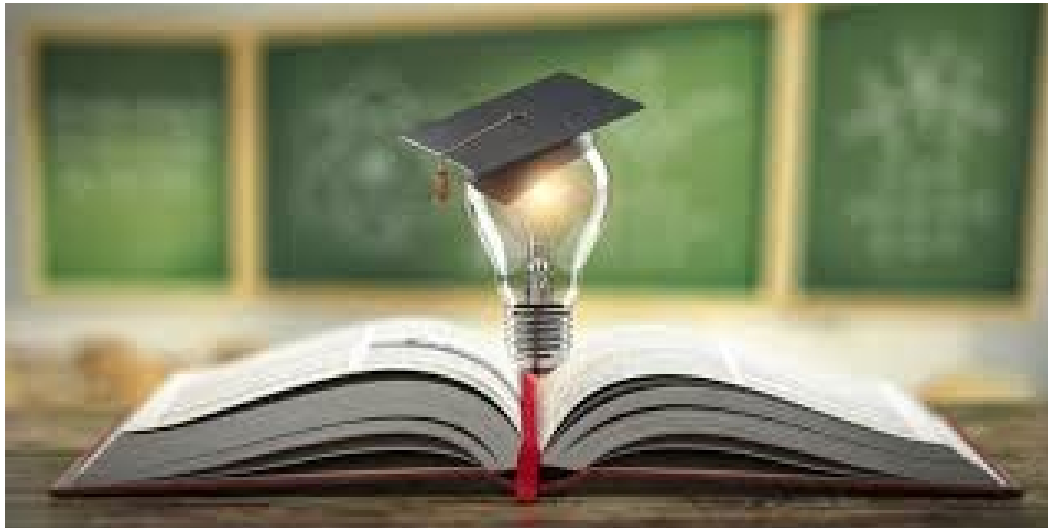


How would you rate your overall experience with the Data Manager Collaborative?

- ✓ Very Good
- ✓ Good
- ✓ Neutral
- ✓ Poor
- ✓ I do not participate



Are there any aspects of the program that could be improved?



On average, how many hours per week do you commit to the Data Manager Collaborative?

- ✓ 1 hour or less
- ✓ 2-4 hours
- ✓ 5-6 hours
- ✓ 7 + hours
- ✓ I do not participate

Do you participate in your Regional Group?

- ✓ Yes, I participate
- ✓ No, I am aware but not currently participating
- ✓ No, I am unaware of regional groups
- ✓ No, I do not currently have a region to join





Are you familiar with the IQVIA Resource Library?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No

Do you review the notifications on the IQVIA platform?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No





Did any staff attend the STS Advances in Quality & Outcomes (AQO) conference?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No



If you attended AQO, did you find it useful?

✓ Yes

✓ No





If you attended the AQO Hot Topics Webinar, did you find it helpful?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No



How likely are you to attend the AQO in-person meeting in 2025?

- ✓ I'll be there
- ✓ Maybe
- ✓ Not likely





Does your institution budget for data managers to travel?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No



Which challenge do you face with in-person meetings the most?

- ✓ Budget/Affordability
- ✓ Date/Length of meeting
- ✓ Location



Who do you use for your electronic medical records (EMR)

- ✓ EPIC
- ✓ Oracle Cerner
- ✓ MEDITECH
- ✓ Next Gen
- ✓ Other





Open Discussion

Please use the
raise-hand
function.

Please use the
Q&A Function.

We will answer as
many questions as
possible.

We encourage
your feedback and
want to hear from
you!

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 - Clinical Questions



*Thank You
for Joining!*

Reminder: Our next ACSD Data
Manager Training Webinar will be
held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at
1pm ET/12pm CT.

