

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

General Thoracic Surgery Database Monthly Webinar

January 14, 2026



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Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- STS Updates
- Data Manager Education
 - 5.26.1 Training Manual Review
- Q&A

STS Updates

2026 Harvest Dates

2026 Harvest

Term	Harvest Submission Window Close	Opt-Out Date	Includes Procedures Performed Through:	Report Posting	Comments
Spring 2026	March 13	March 17	December 31, 2025	Summer 2026	
Fall 2026	September 18	September 22	June 30, 2026	Winter 2026	
Analysis for each harvest is based on a 36-month window.					

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

STS Updates

- **December 13 Release**
 - Missing Variable Report – New Risk Model Variable filter added to help Participants prioritize data clean up and ensure risk model variables are complete

Missing Variable Summary					
Data Version	Surgery Year	Shortname	Name	Missing %	N
5.21.1	2023	CLINSTAGELUNGTUMOR	LUNG CANCER T STAGE	1	2/183
		ECOGSCORE	ECOG / ZUBROD SCORE	2	4/200
		LUNGCATUMSZ	CLINICAL STAGING LUNG CANCER TUMOR SIZE IN CM	2	3/183
		PATHSTAGELUNGT	PATHOLOGIC STAGING - LUNG CANCER - T	1	2/183
		PAYORSECOND	SECONDARY (SUPPLEMENTAL) PAYOR	1	1/200
	2024	ECOGSCORE	ECOG / ZUBROD SCORE	14	29/204
		LUNGCATUMSZ	CLINICAL STAGING LUNG CANCER TUMOR SIZE IN CM	1	1/180
	2025	CLINSTAGELUNGTUMOR	LUNG CANCER T STAGE	1	1/95
		LUNGCATUMSZ	CLINICAL STAGING LUNG CANCER TUMOR SIZE IN CM	1	1/95

STS Updates

- Coming SOON!!!
 - Participant Dashboard (Non-analyzed) Updates to include the following:
 - New 5.26.1 variables
 - New Report Tabs for Neoadjuvant Therapy Tracheal Resection, Thymus Resection and Paraesophageal Hernia
- Have an idea for a Report Enhancement? Please email your enhancement request to our Helpdesk at stsdb_helpdesk@sts.org



STS Updates

✓ Version for 5.26.1 - Effective January 1, 2026

Data Collection Forms (DCF) - *Effective January 1, 2026*

- [Highlighted and Annotated DCF \(pdf\)](#)
- [Highlighted and Non-Annotated DCF \(pdf\)](#)
- [Highlighted and Annotated \(Word\)](#)
- [Annotated DCF \(Word\)](#)

To view annotation in Word document DCF versions, select File — Options — Display — Hidden Text — Print Hidden Text, and then click OK. If you need further assistance, please contact your IT Department or do an internet search for your specific version of Office on ways to view hidden text.

Additional Resources

[Data Specifications v5.26.1](#)

[Itemized Changes from 5.21.1 to v5.26.1](#)

[Change Summary v5.26.1](#)

- Should only be used with OR dates January 1, 2026, forward
- Vendor Certification is almost complete
 - Please contact your vendor directly regarding their certification status/your software update

5.26.1 FAQ - Clinical Question Submission

- <https://www.sts.org/sts-clinical-question-request-form>
- Before submission, please review the Training Manual to ensure your question has not already been addressed
- Data Version is based on **Surgery Date**
 - 5.26: January 1, 2026 forward
 - 5.21: July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025

Webform

Full Name *

Email *

Phone *

Participant ID #

Database Version *

- Select -

- Select -

Adult Cardiac v4.20.2

Adult Cardiac v2.9

Adult Anesthesia

General Thoracic v5.26

General Thoracic v5.21

Congenital v6.23

Congenital v3.41

Intermacs

Pedimacs

Letters Only): *

Question: *

COMPLIANCE PURPOSES, PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY PATIENT IDENTIFYING INFORMATION SHOULD BE REDACTED



AQO 2026 – New Orleans

- September 30 – October 2, 2026
- GTSD Session will be held Sept 30th and October 1st
 - Wednesday – full day of content
 - Thursday – Breakout Sessions 8am -11am





STS Education:

5.26.1 Training Manual

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 you!

Upcoming GTSD Webinars

Monthly Webinars

- February 11 @ 2:30ET (1:30CT)
- March 11 @ 2:30ET (1:30CT)

Quality Webinars

- Will resume in February!
- February 26 @ 3:00ET (2:00CT)



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING!