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Launch of Webinar Series for New Data Managers

Starting in June, STS is launching a webinar series for new data managers abstracting for the Adult Cardiac Surgery Database. Each quarter, two sessions will be offered on different topics, including software and data specifications, understanding data abstraction requirements and harvest schedules, and a host of relevant web resources. While the intended audience is new data managers, these webinars could serve as a nice refresher course for seasoned users as well. View the [STS National Database Webinars page](#) for the complete webinar schedule.

Version Upgrade

The ACSD is expected to start operating under version 4.20.2 on July 1, 2020. The training manual and surgeon worksheets will be posted on the [Data Collection page](#) by the end of May and June, respectively.

Site Audits Canceled

In the last edition of *STS National Database News*, it was announced that site audits would be coming soon. The Society listened to your concerns about experiencing an increased workload due to the COVID-19 pandemic and decided to cancel the 2020 STS National Database audit.

Quick Hits: Data Submissions, Report Posting, Secondary Emails

- Data Submissions 2 and 3, which contain data through June 30, 2020, will close on **August 21, 2020**.
- Harvest Submission 1 reports should be ready by the end of June. Refer to the 2020 [harvest schedule](#) for additional details.
- STS is accepting secondary email addresses for those who do not

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Save the Date

The [2020 Advances in Quality & Outcomes \(AQO\) Meeting](#) will be held virtually this year. More information will be available soon. Data managers and STS National Database participants are encouraged to begin thinking about quality improvement projects that can be completed over the next few months so that the results can be submitted as abstracts. Abstract submission will begin soon. If you are interested in being a presenter or helping plan AQO, please contact Emily Conrad at econrad@sts.org. The meeting will be held September 29 – October 2 with dedicated days for each registry.

- Tuesday, September 29 – Intermacs/Pedimacs
- Wednesday, September 30 – General Thoracic
- **Thursday, October 1 – Adult Cardiac**
- Friday, October 2 – Congenital



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