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The Next Generation Database Is Here!

More than 2 years in the making, the next generation STS National Database launched in late January. The phase 1 rollout includes a data uploader, missing variable report, interactive dashboard, and a data quality report that will provide feedback within minutes after upload. For the latest updates on the next generation Database, visit the [STS National Database page of the STS website](#).



Watch, Listen to Database Roundtable Discussion

During the recent STS Annual Meeting, Drs. Vinay Badhwar, Joseph Dearani, Felix Fernandez, and Jonathan Morris, as well as Data Manager Diane E. Alejo discussed what this innovative new clinical data registry platform means for surgeons, hospitals, data managers, and patients. You can [view the roundtable discussion](#) on the Society's YouTube Channel or [listen via podcast](#) on the Society's Surgical Hot Topics podcast channel.



Access Database Transition Resources, Webinars, and DCFs

In order to help make the transition to the new database platform as seamless as possible, the Society has available a number of resources for you to use. You can join ACSD webinars to learn about Database updates and ACSD Version 4.20 (expected to go live in July 2020), as well as participate in ACSD user group sessions. View the [STS National Database Webinars page](#) for the complete webinar schedule. Version 4.20 Data Collection Forms—updated in February—are published on the [ACSD Data Collection page](#). In addition, how-to videos, uploader instructions, and FAQs are available on the [Database Transition Resources page](#) of the STS website.

Deadlines Approach for Data Submission, Participation Fees, and Public Reporting

- **Friday, February 28:** The ACSD harvest deadline has been extended. The opt-out date is Monday, March 2. Refer to the [2020 harvest schedule](#) for additional details.
 - **Sunday, March 1:** Participation payment for 2020 must be received by this date or your participation status will change to “inactive.” If this happens, your site will lose the ability to access STS standard reports, participate in future data harvests, and experience the next generation STS National Database.
 - **Monday, March 16:** [Consent forms](#) for new/revised enrollments in the next round of [STS Public Reporting](#) are due. ACSD participants can publicly report overall scores and star ratings for isolated coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) surgery, isolated aortic valve replacement (AVR), AVR+CABG, isolated mitral valve repair/replacement (MVRR), and MVRR+CABG. ACSD public reporting is updated twice per year. For more information, contact Sydney Clinton at sclinton@sts.org.
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Reach Out to Regional Groups

Take advantage of the [STS National Database regional groups](#), which offer a collaborative networking environment for peer-to-peer support and non-clinical guidance related to data abstraction. [View the contact list](#) of all participating regional managers. The Florida and South Carolina leaders are currently seeking data managers to re-activate their groups. If you have any questions, contact Susan Becker at sbecker@sts.org.



Complete Election Form for Surgeon-Specific Feedback

The Society is offering an opportunity for self-assessment and quality improvement in cardiothoracic surgery: surgeon-specific outcomes reports from ACSD. The report includes outcomes on coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), aortic valve replacement (AVR), AVR+CABG, isolated mitral valve repair/replacement (MVRR), and MVRR+CABG. Reports reflecting outcomes data from January 2016-December 2018 were made available in January 2020. To receive surgeon-specific feedback, surgeons participating in the ACSD must complete an [Election form](#). If you have questions or comments about this initiative, please email surgeonspecific@sts.org.

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