Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Adult Cardiac
User Group Call

February 17, 2021
• Welcome and Introductions
• STS Updates
• IQVIA Updates
• User Feedback
  • Include Ticket Number/Case Number
  • Use the raise-hand function and be sure to unmute yourself
  • OR
  • Submit using the Q&A function
• February Training Manual Posted
• Harvest 4 2020
  • Harvest closed December 9
  • Data at DCRI for analysis
• Harvest 1 2021
  • Harvest closed February 12
  • Opt-out today by 1159pmET
  • Data to be sent to DCRI for analysis by end of week
• Public Reporting expected to be updated in Mid-March 2021.
  • Consenting deadlines coming soon
IQVIA Update
Joe Brower
The following updates were released the weekend of February 13, 2021

NOTE: Updates were posted to the Notifications Section in the STS Platform

Platform Enhancements

Uploader / Data Quality Report

• STS-5522: Identified validations have been upgraded from an error severity to critical severity to improve the data quality within the STS database.
  • Critical errors will not allow invalid data elements or inconsistencies to be saved to the database.
  • Critical errors are required to be addressed in order for a record to save successfully to the database.
  • The full list of critical errors are posted in the Library for reference.
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**ACSD Risk Adjusted Benchmark Report**

**STS-5700:** Identified calculations have been updated in the ACSD benchmark report. The updated calculations are listed below.

- **Number of Distal Anastomoses** – Denominator update: Exclude records for which the number of arterial conduits and the number of vein grafts are both missing

- **Conduit Site Infection** - Denominator update: Exclude patients with zero vein grafts or radial artery grafts

- **Renal Failure** – Denominator update: Exclude patients with preop dialysis or preoperative creatinine ≥ 4.0

- **New Onset Atrial Fibrillation** – Denominator update: Exclude patients with a history of Arrhythmia/Atrial Fibrillation

- **Discharge Location** - Denominator update: Exclude in-hospital mortalities

- **Discharge Medications** – Denominator update: Exclude in-hospital mortalities

- **Cardiac Rehabilitation Referral** – Denominator update: Exclude in-hospital mortalities and records for which cardiac rehabilitation referral was not applicable
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**STS-5708** – “Any infections” line is displaying as blank entries on the report.

**STS-5721** – Preoperative Beta Blocker STS aggregate displaying lower than expected.
The following items are targeted for the weekend of February 27, 2021.

**MIPS Performance Measure Report**

**STS-5696** – The MIPS report will exclude transcatheter and cancelled cases from the report denominator criteria.

**STS-5814** – Updating exclusion criteria for patients identified as non-smoker and expired in the hospital

**ACSD Non-Analyzed Dashboard Report**

**STS-5829** – ACSD Non-Analyzed Dashboard assigning cases for Mitral Valve replacement in the NONE category

**STS-4942** – Updating the ACSD non-analyzed dashboard to exclude transcatheter valve procedures before PROC ID assignment is applied to cases.

**STS-4262** – Operative Mortality variable option and calculations will be updated on the non-analyzed dashboard.

**Risk Score Match Report**

**STS-5701** – Risk Score Match mismatches identified for specific records – calculation update required

Please note: Submitted tickets are currently under review and the IQVIA support team will follow up on resolution and/or target release confirmation.
IQVIA Support Plan
IQVIA's Support Plan

Inquiries received outside live support hours will require a 24-hour turnaround window (i.e., one business day) for responses.
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Resource Documents

- STS National Database Webpage
- STSTechSupport@IQVIA.com (Uploader, DQR, Missing Variable, Dashboard, Password and Login)
- Phone Support: 1-833-256-7187
- STS National Database Feedback Form
- Resource Documents
  - Contact Information
  - Webinar Information
  - FAQ Document
  - Go-Live Checklist
  - Tiered-level Support Document
  - Training Videos
  - Link to IQVIA
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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!
Thank you for joining!

Next ACSD Webinars

March 3, 2021
- ACSD Monthly Webinar @ 2pmCT