

STS GTSD FAQ's
September 2021
Version 5.21.1

Seq No	Short Name	Update
710	CreatLst	Sept 2021: Do not round lab values, enter to two decimal places.
730	HemoglobinLst	Sept 2021: Do not round lab values, enter to two decimal places.
820	PackYear	Sept 2021: Pack-Years can be rounded to the nearest whole number (i.e. 12.5 pack-years would be entered as 13).
840	PsychDisorder	To identify look for a formal psychiatric diagnosis for which the patient requires regular treatment including behavioral therapy, counseling and/or pharmaceutical treatment (Sept 2021).
870	ECOGScore	Sept 2021: The ECOG score can be documented in the patient medical record by any designated healthcare provider. This includes any healthcare provider that has provided direct patient care.
1540	ThymusMediastinalData	Intent/Clarification: Procedures on the thymus, for a mediastinal mass, or for Myasthenia Gravis are captured here. (Sept 2021)
1841	ClinStageTumorPres	Sept 2021: If the patient had neoadjuvant therapy and had a complete response with the final surgical pathology report indicating T0 or no T stage is provided, then code yes to seq 1841 “ClinStageTumorPres ’ and code T0 for seq 1850 ‘PathStageLungT’.
1850	PathStageLungT	Sept 2021: If the patient had neoadjuvant therapy and had a complete response with the final surgical pathology report indicating T0 or no T stage is provided, then code yes to seq 1841 “ClinStageTumorPres ’ and code T0 for seq 1850 ‘PathStageLungT’.

2030	LungCANodes	Sept 2021: If there is discrepancy in the final pathology report between gross description and summary, use the summary to determine the total number of nodes sampled.
4140	POEscCare	Sept 2021: Only code 'yes' to seq 4140 if there is unexpected escalation of care during the index admission
4290	DCSubUseScre	Sept 2021: Per the CMS Measure - screening and counseling is specific to hospitals and the STS cannot determine your site process for method of screening or counseling. If you have documentation of screening and counseling that meets your hospital standard, then you have met the STS standard.

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580	Reop	Aug 2021: Only capture prior surgical procedures within the same anatomical space – not percutaneous procedures such as chest tubes, thoracentesis, paracentesis etc.
650	HistCancer	Aug 2021: Photodynamic therapy is not equivalent to thoracic radiation therapy and is not captured.
870	ECOGScore	Aug 2021: Lung and esophagus cases will NOT be rejected due to a missing ECOG score.
1250	CategoryPrim	Aug 2021: Metastatic lung cancer from a lung primary should be captured here, however new primary lung cancer or synchronous primary lung cancers should be captured with the appropriate lung cancer category of disease and not with C78.00.
1505	Laterality	Aug 2021: Lung resections have laterality, most hernia repairs and esophagectomies do not and will be coded as N/A.
1620	ClinStagMeth	Aug 2021: Question - How do I capture a Core Needle Biopsy of the lung mass itself preop? It is not a mediastinal lymph node biopsy? Answer – core needle biopsies of the lung mass are not captured in V5.21.
4270	Readm30Dis	Aug 2021: Readmission applies to IP readmissions only. If a patient returns to the hospital and is in OP/OBS status for their entire stay, please code ‘no’ to 4270.