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Explore Agenda, Register, Submit Questions for AQO

Registration is under way for [Advances in Quality Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting](#), free to all STS National Database data managers. You can now view the preliminary agenda, including live sessions and on-demand content that will be available to registrants. Tuesday, October 12 will be dedicated entirely to the InterMACS community, and will feature a case scenario discussion. To have your scenario included, send it to Kathryn Hollifield at khollifield@sts.org.



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A Data Managers Meeting
October 12-15, 2021 ■ VIRTUAL



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Nominate an Outstanding VAD Coordinator for Wissman Award

During AQO, an outstanding ventricular assist device (VAD) coordinator will be recognized and awarded the Sherri Ann Wissman Memorial Excellence Award—presented in memory of the longtime Intermacs VAD coordinator. The recipient of the award must be a VAD coordinator who demonstrates loyalty and dependability, helpfulness to fellow employees and patients, selflessness, and contributions to the overall quality of life of VAD patients. [Submit nominations by September 4.](#) For more information, email khollifield@sts.org.

Review User Group Calls, Join New Users Webinar, Stay Tuned for Pedimacs Series

During Intermacs monthly User Group Calls and quarterly webinars, you can find insights on commonly encountered scenarios, get tips on data entry, and raise questions for discussion among your colleagues, developers, and surgeon leaders. You're encouraged to tune in live whenever possible, but you also can review them on the [STS YouTube playlist](#).

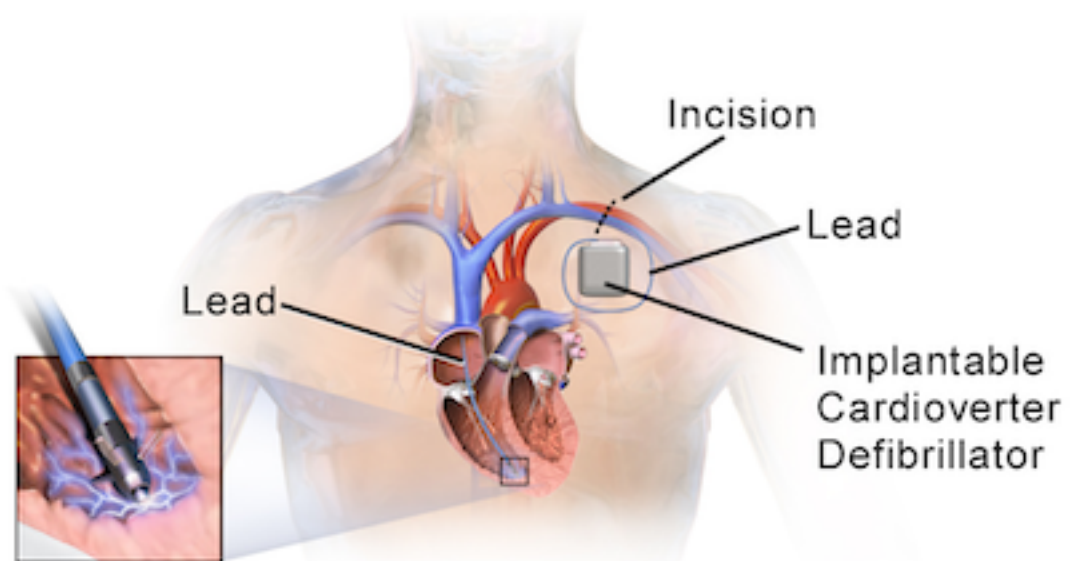
- The [7/28 User Group Call](#) included an update on upcoming features for the Database and future webinars, a preview of AQO, and an attendee Q&A.
- New users—and veteran users who can offer insights—are encouraged to join the webinar on September 21, which will be designed specifically for new Intermacs/Pedimacs data managers.
- This fall, STS will begin hosting a webinar especially for Pedimacs users.
- A schedule of both upcoming and past webinars is available [on the STS website](#).

Arm Patients with Knowledge about Heart Failure

The STS patient information website, ctsurgerypatients.org, offers animations, videos, and easy-to-understand language to explain various cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. The [Heart Failure page](#) helps patients understand the causes and symptoms of their condition, explains the different types of surgical options available to them, and guides them on the road to recovery.

If you or your colleagues interact with patients at your institution, make sure to share this important resource—handouts are available for download in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Contact Jennifer Bagley at jbagley@sts.org with feedback or questions about the patient website.

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