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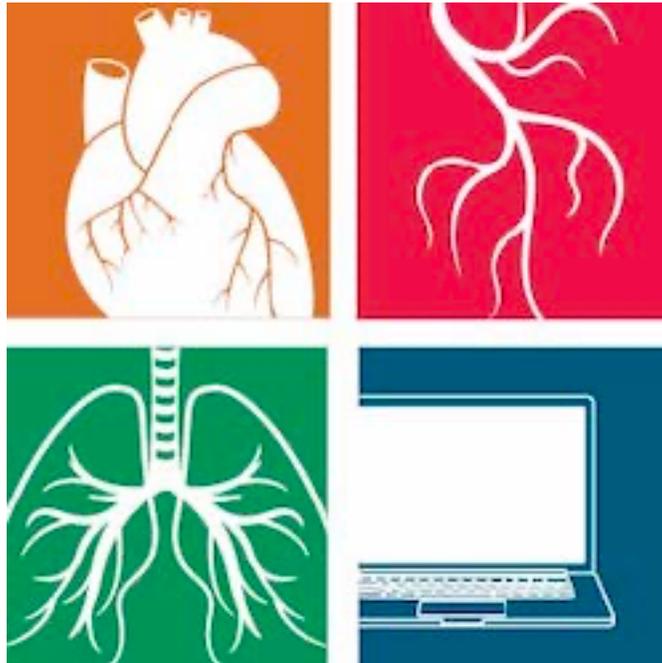
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Register for Free, Submit Questions for AQO

Registration will open soon for the 2021 [Advances in Quality Outcomes \(AQO\): A Data Managers Meeting](#). A virtual event, AQO 2021 will take place October 12–15 and is free this year for all STS National Database data managers. Wednesday, October 13, will be dedicated entirely to the GTSD, and the Core Group and surgeon leaders will hold a “What Data Managers Want to Know” panel. To have your questions considered for panel discussion during the session, send them to Leigh Ann Jones (ljones@sts.org) by September 15.



Learn How to Start a Surgeon-Led Lung Cancer Screening Program

The latest topic in the free STS Webinar Series is “[How to Start a Surgeon-Led Lung Cancer Screening Program](#).” In this episode, Drs. Mark Onaitis and Betty Tong, along with a multidisciplinary panel of national leaders with high-volume screening experience, offer insight on starting a surgeon-driven lung cancer screening initiative, including:

- Advantages of surgeon involvement
- Tips on how to build a team and infrastructure
- The financial impact of a screening program
- How to incorporate new guidelines
- Ways to overcome barriers
- Conducting community outreach

You can now [watch the video on the STS YouTube page](#) or [listen to the episode as a podcast](#).

Read about Latest GTSD Outcomes and Research

An overview of the most recent outcomes and research results from data in the GTSD is now available online in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. “[The Society of Thoracic Surgeons General Thoracic Surgery Database: 2021 Update on Outcomes and Research](#),” by Dr. Elliot Servais and colleagues, describes Database improvements, as well as an update on outcomes, volume trends, and a summary of research productivity.

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Explore New Version 5.21.1

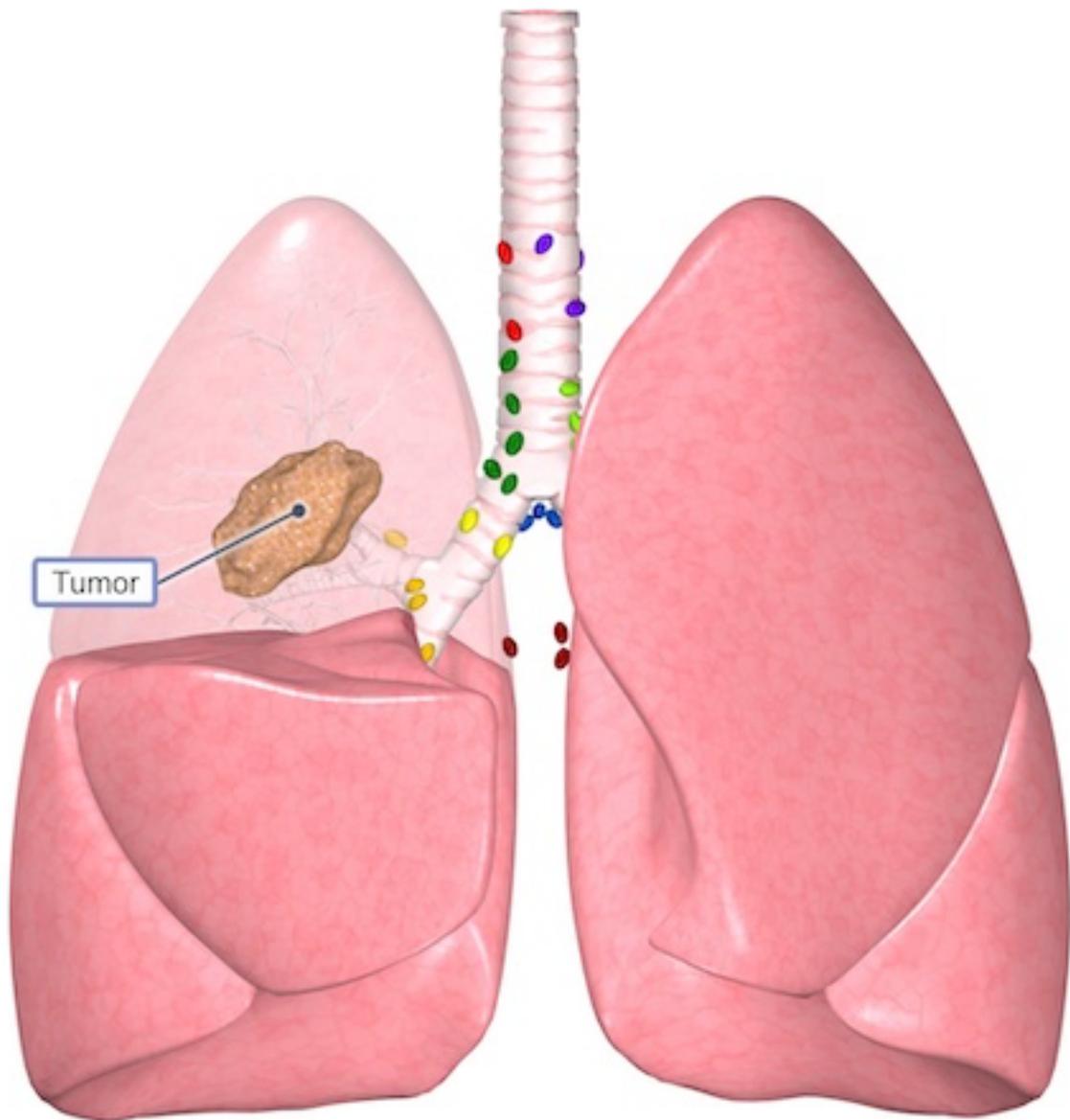
The latest GTSD upgrade—version 5.21.1—is now live, and [data collection forms and additional resources](#) are available while the new training manual is in the final review stages. A series of GTSD webinars, posted [February 4](#), [February 24](#), and [March 24](#), walks users through the updates and demonstrates what has changed in areas such as procedure coding and documentation of postoperative events.

Quick Hits: 2020 Analyses, Spring Harvest Close

- The long-anticipated risk-adjusted spring and fall 2020 data analyses are now accessible in the “Operational Reports” section of the [Database platform](#).
- The spring 2021 harvest, which will include data through December 31, 2020, is expected to close today, Friday, July 23. For a complete list of pertinent 2021 data submission and harvest dates, refer to the [Harvest Schedule and Information page](#).

Help Patients Know What to Expect from Lobectomy

The STS patient information website, ctsurgerypatients.org, offers animations, videos, and easy-to-understand language to explain various cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. For patients undergoing lobectomy, the [Lobectomy](#) page provides an overview of common procedural approaches and details what will happen before, during, and after their surgery—from pulmonary function tests to who will be in the operating room. 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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