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Register for Free, Submit Tricky 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. Thursday, October 14, will be dedicated entirely to the ACSD. During the event, STS will present and address the most complex and “tricky” questions submitted by Database users. Submit your site’s most difficult Database-related question to Carole Krohn (ckrohn@sts.org) by September 15 for an opportunity to have it featured during AQO.



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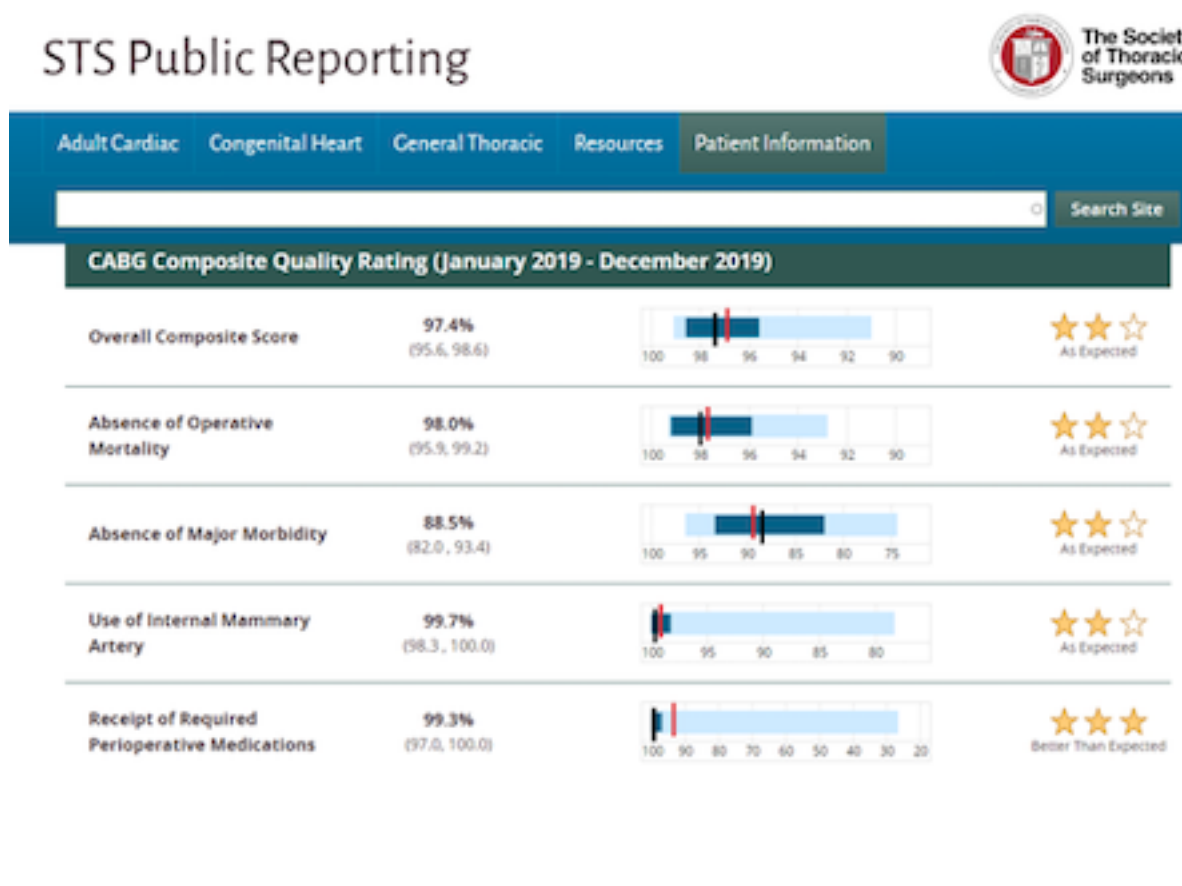
Understand New CABG Composite Performance Measures

To address challenges in classifying performance scores for isolated coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), a new ACSD update uses 3-year analytic data windows that better represent expected outcomes. Learn more with these resources:

- An [article published this month](#) in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* demonstrates how the 3-year cohort and 95% credible interval increases the number and proportion of “better than” or “worse than” expected outliers, particularly among participants with lower CABG volumes.
 - [In this video](#), Dr. David Shahian, chair of the STS Workforce on Quality, details the new methodology for estimating composite performance scores and star ratings.
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Public Reporting Enhancements Help Participants See More than Stars

Contextual data displays and easier-to-interpret graphics help ACSD Public Reporting participants better understand their performance and make real advances toward quality improvement. [Read the details on the latest improvements](#) in *STS News*.



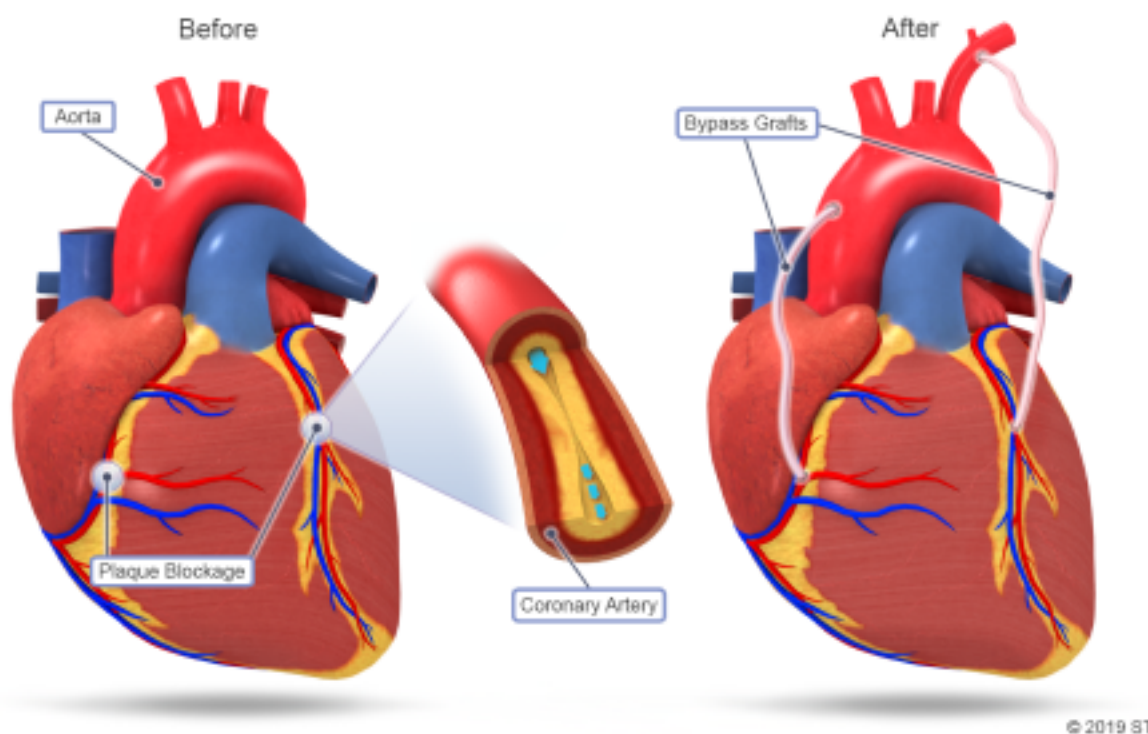
Quick Hits: Harvest Results, Submission Deadline

- Results from Harvest 1—incorporating data through December 31, 2020—were published last month on the [Database platform](#).
- The ACSD 2021 Harvest 3 deadline is Friday, August 13, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

If you have questions regarding your reports, contact the [IQVIA technical support team](#). The [STS National Database team](#) is available to assist with clinical and operational questions.

Introduce Patients to the CABG Team and Techniques

The STS patient information website, ctsurgerypatients.org, offers animations, videos, and easy-to-understand language to explain various cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. The [Coronary Artery Bypass Graft \(CABG\)](#) page gives patients a clearer perspective on how and why CABG is performed, what they can expect pre-, during-, and post-procedure, and who will be by their side 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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