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## Now Is the Best Time to Register for AQO

Discounted early bird registration is open now for the [2022 Advances in Quality Outcomes \(AQO\): A Data Managers Meeting](#) in Providence, Rhode Island. You have options to register for one or multiple in-person tracks—Thursday, October 27, will be devoted entirely to the ACSD—or choose a virtual pass to get access to digital content. [Register your team](#) and [book your hotel rooms](#) today. And keep in mind:

- [STS members](#), including non-physician associate members, save even more.
- You can [request a justification letter](#), signed by STS President Dr. John Calhoun, explaining to your supervisor the value of AQO attendance.

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## Use RedCap to Enter Devices Not Available in v4.20.2

To capture devices that aren't available in ACSD version 4.20.2 data specifications, use [this RedCap link](#) and bookmark it in your browser. Meanwhile, you should continue to code the implant model fields available on the data collection form as “other, FDA approved device” or “other, non-FDA approved device.” This step applies to devices implanted into the aortic, mitral, tricuspid, and pulmonic valve positions, as well as to aortic valve composite grafts. Refer to the [ACSD Training Manual](#) and the [June 15 User Group call](#) for more information.

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## Join August User Group Call to Prepare for Harvest Close

Tune in Wednesday, August 17, at 2:00 p.m. CT, to discuss best practices for getting your institution ready for the August 26 data harvest close. You'll have a chance to share tips with your colleagues and get your questions answered by Database experts. [Add the webinar to your calendar](#) and [join the call](#).

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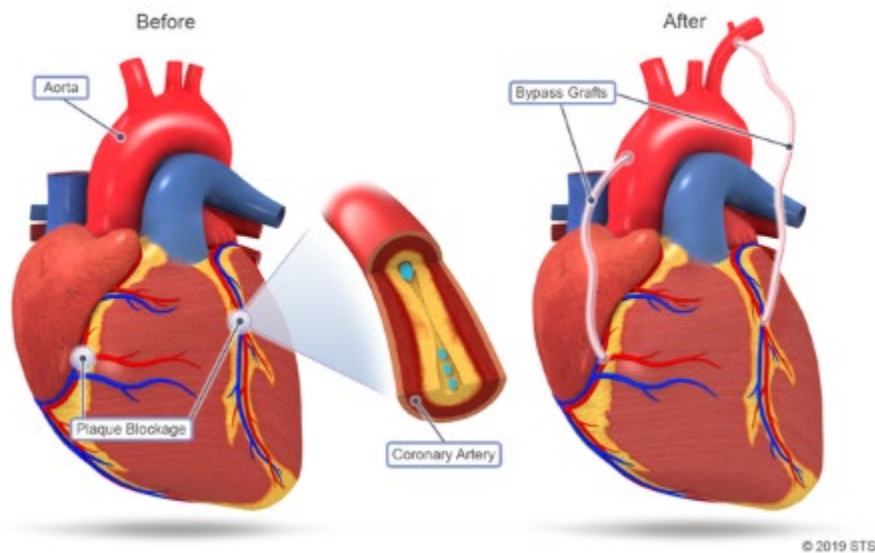
*The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* recently launched *Annals Short Reports*—its new fully open access companion journal. This e-only publication provides a contemporary venue for authors to present their research in a digestible format, and it's supported by the same expert *Annals* Editorial Board. The journal [now is accepting submissions](#).



## Cultivate Patients' Knowledge of CABG

Interacting with patients at your medical center gives you the opportunity to help answer their questions and allay their concerns. The STS patient website, [ctsurgerypatients.org](http://ctsurgerypatients.org), is full of easy-to-understand language, illustrations, and videos that explain a variety of cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. With the [Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting \(CABG\)](#) page, you can share straightforward details about the operation, the surgical team, and the recovery process.

Printable handouts, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), are available to keep on hand to let your patients know about the STS patient website. Questions or feedback? Contact Jennifer Bagley, [jbagley@sts.org](mailto:jbagley@sts.org).



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