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Annual Meeting Online Is Now Available

The rich content presented during the STS 58th Annual Meeting now is available on-demand through Annual Meeting Online. This digital product features nearly 40 educational sessions incorporating the latest research, technology, and best practices in all major cardiothoracic surgery disciplines. For STS 2022 participants, complimentary access to Annual Meeting Online was included with registration and is available via the [STS Learning Center](#). Those who weren't registered for the meeting can [purchase the product](#), with discounts for STS members.



Help the Database Define the Adult Congenital Population

Surgeons in the US who participate in the Adult Cardiac Surgery Database, the Congenital Heart Surgery Database, or both, should have received an email last week with a link to a survey co-sponsored by STS and the Congenital Heart Surgeons' Society. **Defining Adult Congenital: A Cardiac Surgeon Survey** will help specify the adult congenital patient, while also determining how to organize data that are captured for adults with congenital heart disease within the STS National Database. Respond to the survey by **April 12**.

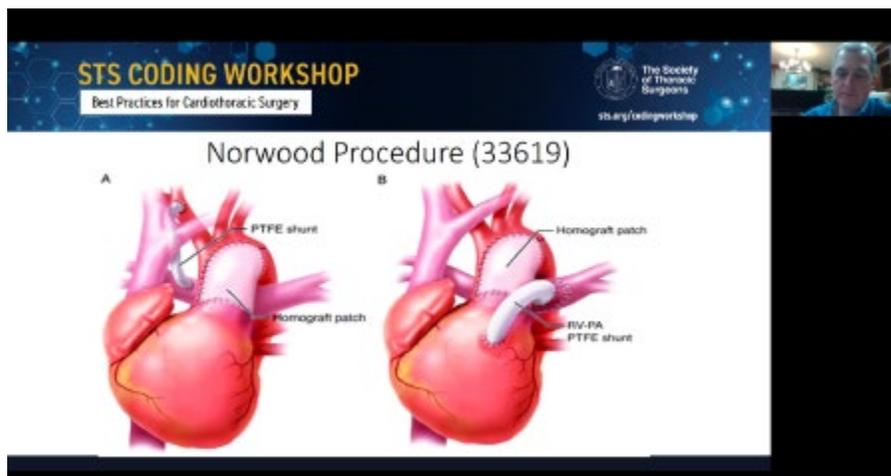
Don't Miss Early Deadline for Coronary Conference in Ontario

The 2022 STS Coronary Conference, June 4–5 in Ottawa, ON, Canada, will connect attendees with advanced educational content on the latest techniques for coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) surgery, presented by experts from around the globe. The agenda will feature didactic presentations, “How I Do It” video sessions, practical tips and tricks, and case-based panel discussions. **Register by April 14** for early bird discounts.



Coding Workshop Content Is Ready to View

If you missed the 2022 STS Coding Workshop, access to the [digital archive is available](#) for purchase now. The course includes approximately 15 hours of video lectures and 7 hours of recorded Q&A with scenario-based questions and challenging coding examples. Purchasers gain unlimited access to the course content until February 1, 2023. Continuing medical education or coding credits are available.



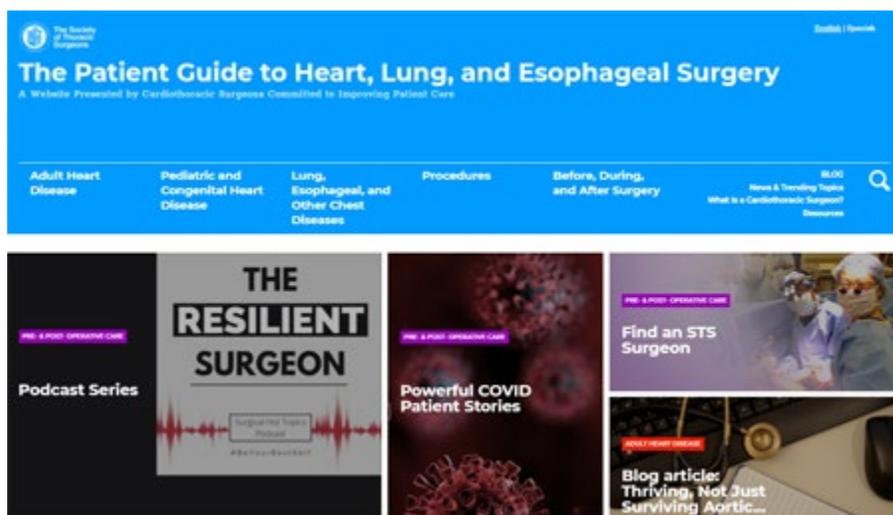
Stay Abreast of Harvest Schedules, Webinar Dates

- The 2021 Harvest 4 (OR dates through September 30, 2021) analysis now is available in the [Database platform](#), and updates about report availability are posted in IQVIA Notifications.
 - ACSD 2022 Harvest 1 (OR dates through December 31, 2021) is expected to be available this spring.
 - ACSD 2022 Harvest 2 (OR dates through March 31, 2022) will close on May 27 at 11:59 p.m. ET, with an opt-out date set for June 1.
 - The next ACSD monthly webinar will take place April 6 at 2:00 p.m. CT, and the next User Group Call is April 20 at 2:00 p.m. CT. Mark your calendar for upcoming discussions, and catch up on any you missed on the [ACSD YouTube playlist](#).
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Give Patients and Families Insight on Heart Failure

If you interact with patients and families at your institution, you can be an important lifeline to vital information to help them understand their conditions and treatments. The STS patient website, ctsurgerypatients.org, is filled with easy-to-understand language and helpful illustrations, animations, and videos for explaining cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. The [Heart Failure page](#), for example, describes treatment options for managing heart failure, including CABG, valve repair, and implantable devices, as well as lifestyle changes that can help patients improve their condition.

You can download and print handouts in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to let your patients know about this important resource. Contact Jennifer Bagley at jbagley@sts.org with feedback or questions about the patient website.



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