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# STS National Database News

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## AQO Digital Archive Is Now in STS Learning Center

Registrants now can access on-demand content, archived live presentations, e-posters, and the virtual resource library from the 2021 Advances in Quality & Outcomes (AQO): A Data Managers Meeting in the [STS Learning Center](#). A record-breaking 1,403 individuals attended the conference, and the discussions among experts and colleagues were invaluable. Take advantage of this opportunity to catch up on sessions you missed and examine the latest research findings and recommendations. The meeting content is available until October 26, 2022. To receive continuing education credit, attendees must watch all content for a particular registry and then evaluate all presentations. The deadline to complete the evaluations and claim credit is **Saturday, January 15, 2022**.



## Hartman Recognized with Dorothy Latham Award

During AQO 2021, the Dorothy Latham Poster Award was presented to Lisa M. Hartman, MSN, RN, from Premier Health in Covington, Ohio, for her poster, “Transitioning to Paperless Cardiac Abstraction in the Remote Work Environment.” The award is named in memory of Dorothy J. Latham, RN, a longtime data manager who served on the STS Workforce on National Databases.

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## Annual Meeting Early Bird Deadline Approaches

Have you registered yet for the [STS 58th Annual Meeting](#), taking place January 29-31 in Miami Beach, Florida? Don't wait—special early bird rates end next **Thursday, December 2**. STS 2022 promises to be an unforgettable experience with a mixture of networking events, practice-changing science, hands-on instruction, wellness programs, and more! In addition to an array of posters highlighting Database projects, of particular interest to ACSD data managers are sessions like Saturday's “**Trials and Registries: What You Need to Know**” and Sunday's “**Why Cardiac Surgeons Should Be Involved in the Care of Patients with Acute Pulmonary Emboli.**”

[Review the Meeting Program](#) and [register](#) now. A virtual option also is available. All professional registrants, exhibitors, guests, and STS staff are required to show proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to onsite meeting admission.



The banner features the STS 2022 logo with the tagline "TOGETHER AGAIN" and the text "58th Annual Meeting January 29 - 31 Miami Beach, Florida". To the right is a colorful circular logo with a stylized figure. The Society of Thoracic Surgeons logo is in the top right corner. Below the logos, the text reads: "Thought-provoking lectures • Practice-changing science • Hands-on instruction • Renowned expert faculty". At the bottom, a blue button says "Register now at [sts.org/annualmeeting](https://sts.org/annualmeeting)".

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## Experienced Data Managers Wanted for Mentorship Program

Mentees are waiting to be paired with mentors through the STS National Database Mentorship Program, which gives them the opportunity to learn data abstraction techniques and network with a colleague. If you're an experienced data manager able to lend your time and talent to mentorship, [learn more and apply](#) today.

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## Surgeon Worksheets Help Capture Important Data

With ACSD surgeon worksheets—tailored for a variety of common procedures—your surgeons can collect accurate, complete data for the Database in just a few minutes. All participating surgeons are encouraged to use these worksheets. Make it easy on your team by accessing them from the [ACSD Data Collection webpage](#). Click on the arrow for version 4.20. Worksheets are available for:

- Aorta Procedures
- Aortic Valve
- Atrial Fibrillation
- CABG
- Intraoperative TEE
- Mitral Valve
- Tricuspid/Pulmonic Valve

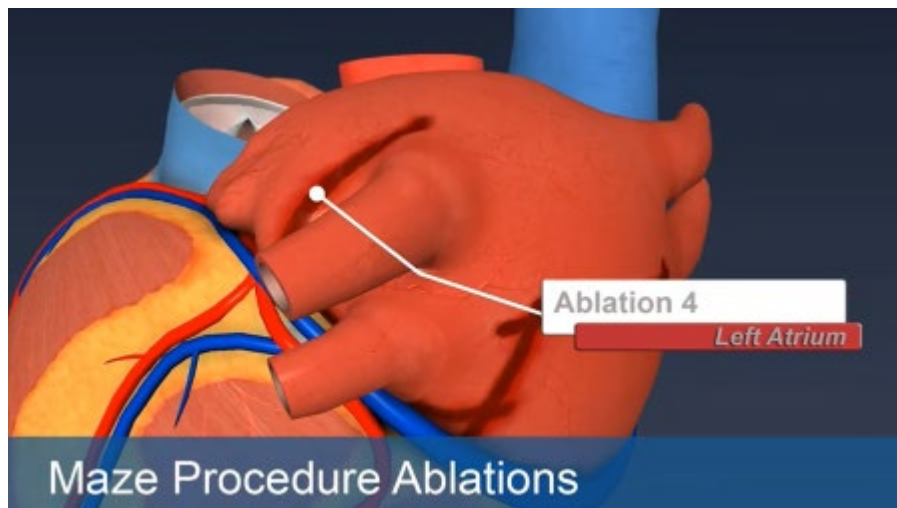
If you have questions about the worksheets, contact Carole Krohn at [ckrohn@sts.org](mailto:ckrohn@sts.org)

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## Help Patients Keep Pace with Cardiac Rhythm Disturbances

If you interact with patients at your institution, you're in a unique position to support your surgeons and empower patients and families by providing resources from [ctsurgerypatients.org](http://ctsurgerypatients.org). The Society's patient information website, with content reviewed and contributed by member surgeons, offers animations, videos, and easy-to-understand language to explain numerous cardiothoracic conditions and procedures—and help patients know what to expect. For example, on the [Cardiac Rhythm Disturbances](#) page, patients can learn about specific types of arrhythmia, possible causes, and the treatments available.

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



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