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# STS National Database News

ADULT CARDIAC



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## AQO 2022 Offers Data Mastery, Data Manager Camaraderie

After 2 years of all-virtual programming, [2022 Advances in Quality Outcomes \(AQO\): A Data Managers Meeting](#) will reunite the STS Database community October 26–28 in Providence, Rhode Island. In-person attendees will enjoy plenty of opportunities to not only explore the latest developments in data analysis but also see live exhibitions of new technologies, participate in discussions with colleagues, and wind down with social lunches and a networking reception. The second day of the meeting is entirely devoted to the ACSD, with courses covering the spectrum of cardiovascular surgical applications, including:

- Verification of vital statistics for operative mortality
- TVT registry and the ACSD
- AVR with annular enlargements—“It’s Not a Root”
- Ventricular assist and ECMO devices
- CABG anastomoses
- Why the ACSD matters in value-based care

There’s still time to register and book your hotel rooms. And remember, you can [request a justification letter](#), signed by STS President Dr. John Calhoon, explaining to your supervisor the value of AQO attendance.



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## FTR Metric Will Be a Game Changer in ACSD Outcomes Reporting

The [latest webinar in the STS Quality Series](#) focuses on the STS ACSD risk-adjusted measure capturing Failure to Rescue (FTR), or patient operative mortality following a major surgical complication. Presented by Dr. Paul Kurlansky on behalf of the STS Quality Measurement Task Force, the webinar outlines the development and application of the upcoming quality metric.

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## Adult Cardiac Surgical Science Will Shine at STS 2023

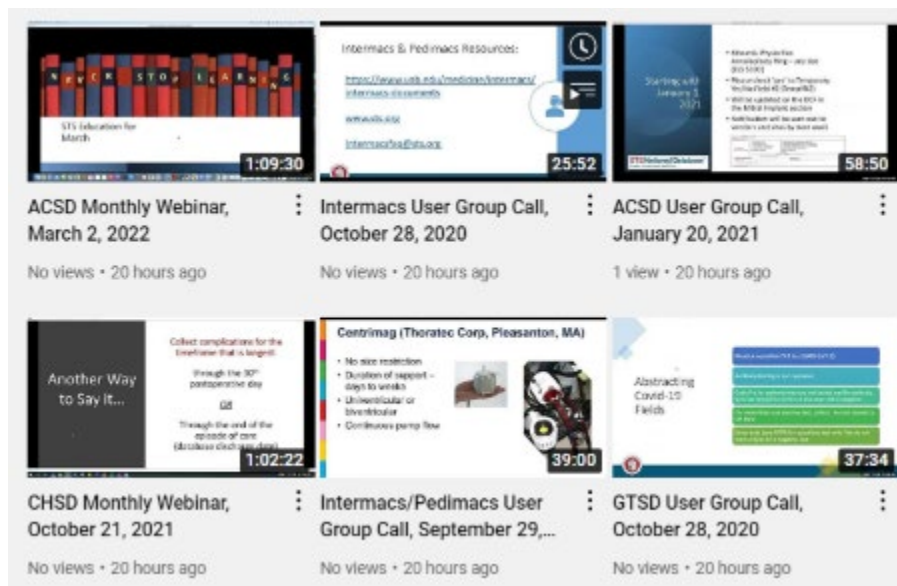
Cardiothoracic surgical professionals from around the globe will converge on San Diego January 21–23, 2023, for the [STS 59th Annual Meeting](#). It's an exciting opportunity for ACSD participants to witness the latest scientific advancements—including findings in contemporary practice trends, the impact of surgical strategy on outcomes of isolated tricuspid valve surgery, postcardiotomy shock among patients with severe left ventricular systolic dysfunction, robotic mitral valve repair for primary mitral regurgitation, and many more, all made possible thanks to the robust data in the ACSD.

STS 2023 also is a place to meet with colleagues and discuss new data trends, techniques, and tips—and take in stunning coastal views on the San Diego Bay. [Register by October 13](#) for discounted rates; STS members save even more.



## Revisit the Database YouTube Channel for Colleague-Curated Tips

Data managers and participating surgeons now can access webinars, user group calls, and other recordings on a [YouTube channel](#) dedicated exclusively to the STS National Database. The channel provides a rich library of resources, including tips for optimizing data in preparation for the next harvest, updates on public reporting, and best practices for data entry and coding. The [latest ACSD User Group call](#) includes a special case study on one site's development and implementation of a perfusion navigator to streamline data abstraction.



## Read a Patient's Story of Trials and Triumphs with Heart Disease

Mitch Bugno wasn't a "runner." He was a middle-aged guy who enjoyed a run. Over a few years of competitive half-marathons, he finally learned to heed the messages his body was sending him. Through his connection with a dear friend at STS, he has generously shared his story with the STS community. Read it on the [STS CT Surgery Patients blog](#).



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