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Less than One Week to Camaraderie and Discovery at AQO

After 2 years of all-virtual programming, [2022 Advances in Quality Outcomes \(AQO\): A Data Managers Meeting](#) will reunite the STS Database community next week, 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 first day of the meeting features a track devoted exclusively to the CHSD, covering topics including:

- How to use your data for everyday practice
- 23 version upgrade
- Verification of vital status for operative mortality
- New STAT scores—including implementation and case scenarios
- CHSD anesthesia
- Adults with congenital heart disease

You can still [register for the in-person event](#)—or choose a Virtual Pass if you can't make it to Providence—and be part of the STS data manager community's most essential annual event.



Database Science Will Shine at STS 2023

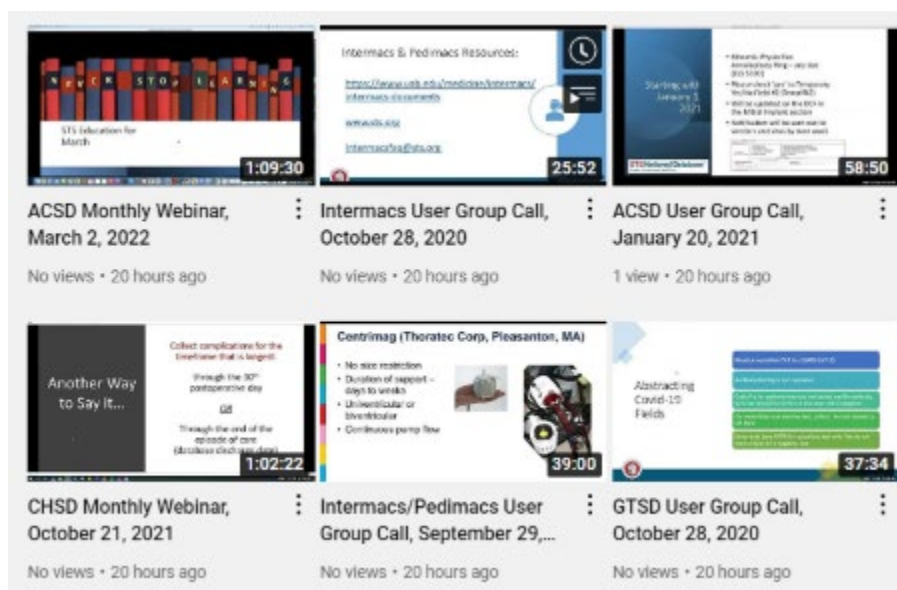
Cardiothoracic surgical professionals from around the globe will converge on San Diego January 21–23, 2023, for the [STS 59th Annual Meeting](#). It's an exciting opportunity for CHSD participants to witness the latest scientific advancements. Award-winning papers at STS 2023 will investigate the creation of an STS adult congenital heart surgery risk model, as well as reveal practice patterns in the management of tetralogy of Fallot. These outstanding presentations are made possible thanks to the robust data you curate.

STS 2023 also is a place to meet with colleagues and discuss new data trends, techniques, and tips—and take in stunning coastal views from the San Diego Bay. [Register and book your hotel room now](#); STS members enjoy significant discounts.



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.



Next CHSD User Group Call Is November 1

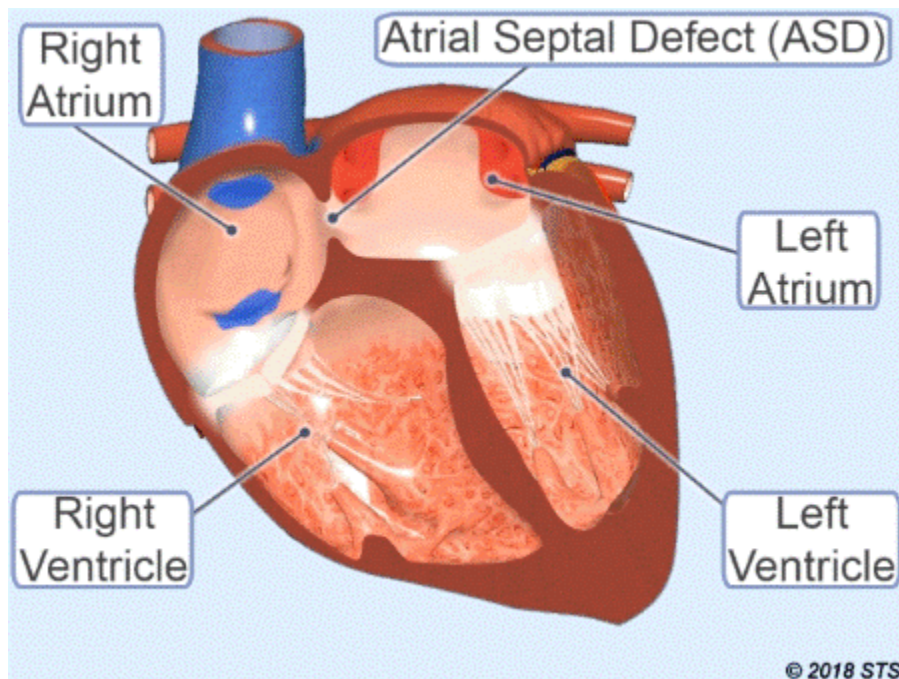
Tune in Tuesday, November 1, at noon CT to discuss the latest CHSD updates and get your questions answered by colleagues. [Add a calendar reminder](#) and [join the webinar](#).

Help Parents Make Sense of Atrial Septal Defect

Interacting with patients and families at your medical center gives you the opportunity to help answer their questions and allay their concerns. The STS patient website, ctsurgerypatients.org, is full of easy-to-understand language, illustrations, and videos that explain a variety of cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. For parents of children with the condition, the [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) page describes its

features and symptoms, provides questions to ask the doctor, and explains the surgical procedures that can help the child survive and thrive.

Printable handouts, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), are available to keep on hand to let your patients know about the STS patient website.



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