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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 practice in all major cardiothoracic surgery disciplines. For those who registered for STS 2022, 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.



New ACHD Component: Join Tomorrow's Webinar

Approximately 2 million adults in the US are living with congenital heart disease. To better serve this population, the CHSD has rolled out a brand-new component that will allow the STS National Database to capture relevant variables for the adults with congenital heart disease (ACHD) population, create risk models, and allow for appropriate risk adjustment. During tomorrow's webinar, "[New STAT Scores, New Patients, New CHSD: The Upgrade Webinar](#)," Drs. Jennifer Nelson and Ram Subramanyan will discuss the goals for the ACHD component, how STS will capture data, the variables to be collected, and what the future holds in terms of risk assessment for this rapidly growing population. They'll also explain how new "STAT 2020" scores, empirically derived from 161,351 operations in the CHSD performed at 110 centers between 2010 and 2017, will be implemented starting with the Spring 2022 Harvest Analysis.

Check Your Inbox for Two Important Surveys

Adult cardiac and congenital cardiac surgeons should be on the lookout for two high-priority surveys:

- The **STS Congenital Heart Surgery Practice Survey**—a subspecialty survey conducted every 5 years by the STS Workforce on Congenital Heart Surgery—explores surgeons' practice landscapes, workloads, and satisfaction. This survey will help develop a contemporary data profile and critical insights that will inform plans to address the needs of an ever-changing specialty. Surgeons should receive an email containing a SurveyMonkey link. The survey opens on April 1 and continues for 6 weeks.
- Surgeons in the US who participate in the Adult Cardiac Surgery Database, CHSD, or both, should have received an email last week from Dr. Jennifer Nelson, with a link to a survey co-sponsored by STS and the Congenital Heart Surgeons' Society. The **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 ACHD within the STS National Database. The survey is open until **April 12**.

New Primary Procedure Rules Will Factor in Fall 2021 Analysis

Beginning with the Fall 2021 Harvest, STS will employ three additional rules to determine primary procedure coding for Glenn or hemi-Fontan, pulmonic valve replacement, and Ross procedures. [Explore the new rules in detail.](#)

Give Patients and Families Insight on Single Ventricle Defects

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 [Single Ventricle Defects](#) page, for example, describes causes and symptoms of these defects and details of each surgery used to treat them, complete with a list of questions to ask the doctor.

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 with feedback or questions about the patient website.



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