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Submit Abstracts Now for AQO 2022

Abstracts now are being accepted for the 2022 [Advances in Quality Outcomes \(AQO\): A Data Managers Meeting](#), taking place October 26–28 in Providence, Rhode Island. Accepted submissions will be presented as e-posters, while a small number also may be selected for oral presentation. AQO is a unique opportunity to share your team's research findings, quality initiatives, and expert techniques with the cardiothoracic surgery community. Friday, October 28 will be devoted entirely to the CHSD. Submissions are due **Tuesday, July 5**. [See the guidelines](#).



Your Feedback Will Help STS Deliver the Finest AQO Programming

The Society is asking for input from data managers and surgeons that will help them design an AQO program tailored to your needs. You're invited to take a short survey, in which you can tell STS what specific topics, case scenarios, and procedures you'd

most like to learn about. [Provide your feedback](#) by this **Thursday, June 16**, to help build a more customized AQO.

Be Part of the STS 59th Annual Meeting

[STS 2023](#)—to be held January 21–23, in San Diego, California—is the premier forum for cardiothoracic surgery research and education. Submit your work by **July 22** for oral presentations, scientific posters, and surgical videos in the following categories:

- Adult cardiac surgery
- Congenital heart surgery
- General thoracic surgery
- Basic science research
- Quality improvement
- Cardiothoracic surgical education
- Physician/provider wellness
- Perioperative management and critical care

If you are involved in Phase I, II, or III clinical trials for which no preliminary data will be available by the July deadline, you can submit a promissory abstract (data must be available by December 16). The Society also is accepting compelling session proposals that showcase emerging, innovative, and/or critical issues facing the specialty. The deadline for promissory abstracts and session proposals also is **July 22**. [Learn more about submission.](#)



You Have Exclusive Access to STS Database Resources

The comprehensive data collection resources on [STS.org](https://www.sts.org) are available to you as a Database participant. Access to training manuals, data collection forms, surgeon worksheets, and more—for multiple operating versions—[now requires a login](#). Your username and password are the same that you used to register for AQO 2021. If you need help with your login credentials, contact membership@sts.org.

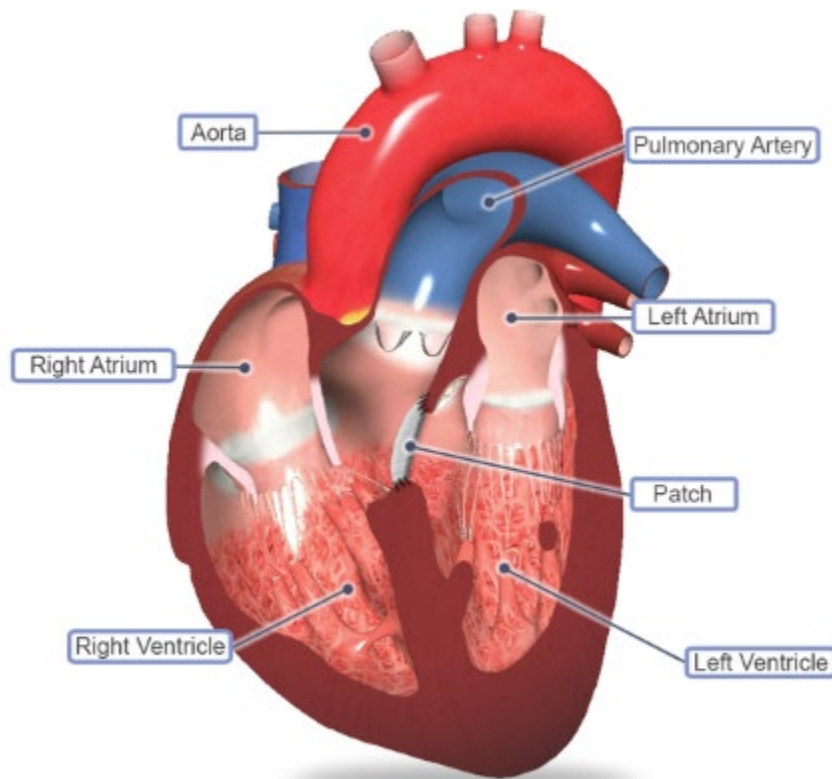
Don't Miss the Next CHSD Monthly Webinar

Stay abreast of the latest developments in the CHSD and get your questions answered by Database experts and surgeon leaders. This month's CHSD webinar is scheduled for **next Tuesday, June 21, at 12:00 p.m. CT**. [Bookmark the webinar page](#) and [add a calendar reminder](#).

Arm Patients and Parents with Knowledge about VSD Surgery

If you interact with patients and families at your institution, you have the power to help them understand their conditions and treatments. The STS patient website, [ctsurgerypatients.org](https://www.ctsurgerypatients.org), is filled with easy-to-understand language and helpful illustrations, animations, and videos for explaining cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. The [Ventricular Septal Defect Surgery page](#) helps parents and patients learn what to expect before, during, and after the procedure, complete with a list of questions to ask the doctor.

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



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