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AQO Offerings Move to STS Learning Center after This Friday

Registrants can revisit the [AQO virtual platform](#) until Friday, October 29, to view recorded live presentations, on-demand sessions, and posters from the Advances in Quality & Outcomes conference, which was attended by a record-breaking 1,403 individuals. After Friday, AQO 2021 offerings can be found in the [STS Learning Center](#), where they'll remain available until AQO 2022. Take advantage of this opportunity to catch up on sessions you missed, hear important discussions among experts and colleagues, and see the latest research findings and recommendations.

The Friday program was dedicated entirely to the CHSD, and noteworthy presentations included **Double Outlet Right Ventricle (DORV): Case Scenarios, Adults with Congenital Heart Disease, How to Use Your Data for Everyday Practice**, and **What Data Managers Want to Know**. Dr. Kristine Guleserian's **Quality Improvement: Surgical Perspective** session is now available in the [on-demand offerings](#).

[See the full AQO program.](#)



2021 Outcomes Update Encapsulates 4 Years of CHSD Reports

Published in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, the [Congenital Heart Surgery Database 2021: Update on Outcomes and Research](#) summarizes current aggregate national outcomes in congenital and pediatric cardiac surgery performed between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2020. These data aggregates are exemplified by an analysis of prespecified benchmark operation groups—made possible by the CHSD, which captures nearly all pediatric cardiac surgical operations in the United States.

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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](#) to be a mentor today.



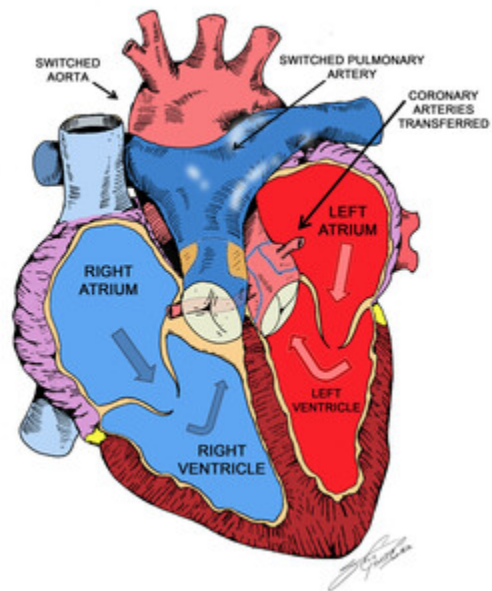
Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Live Webinars

Congenital webinars are best attended live to give you the opportunity to ask questions, present challenges, and stay connected with fellow data managers. Registration is not required for the webinars, but you will need to sign in with your name and email address to participate. The next CHSD User Group Call happens November 2 at 12:00 p.m. CT. Mark your calendar, [join the discussion, and see more upcoming live events](#).

Arm Parents with Knowledge about Arterial Switch Surgery

The STS patient information website, ctsurgerypatients.org, offers animations, videos, and easy-to-understand language to explain various cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. In addition, the site helps patients and parents understand what to expect as they prepare for and recover from their operations. The page on [Transposition of the Great Arteries](#) helps parents understand their baby's diagnosis, surgical procedure, and prognosis after surgery, and includes a printout of questions to ask the doctor.

If you or your colleagues interact with patients at your institution, make sure to share this important resource—handouts are available for download in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Contact Jennifer Bagley at jbagley@sts.org with feedback or questions about the patient website.



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