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## Now Is the Best Time to Register for AQO

Discounted early bird registration is open now for the [2022 Advances in Quality Outcomes \(AQO\): A Data Managers Meeting](#) in Providence, Rhode Island. You have options to register for one or multiple in-person tracks—Wednesday, October 26 features a track devoted to the GTSD—or choose a virtual pass to get access to digital content. [Register your team](#) and [book your hotel rooms](#) today. And keep in mind:

- [STS members](#), including non-physician associate members, save even more.
- You can [request a justification letter](#), signed by STS President Dr. John Calhoun, explaining to your supervisor the value of AQO attendance.

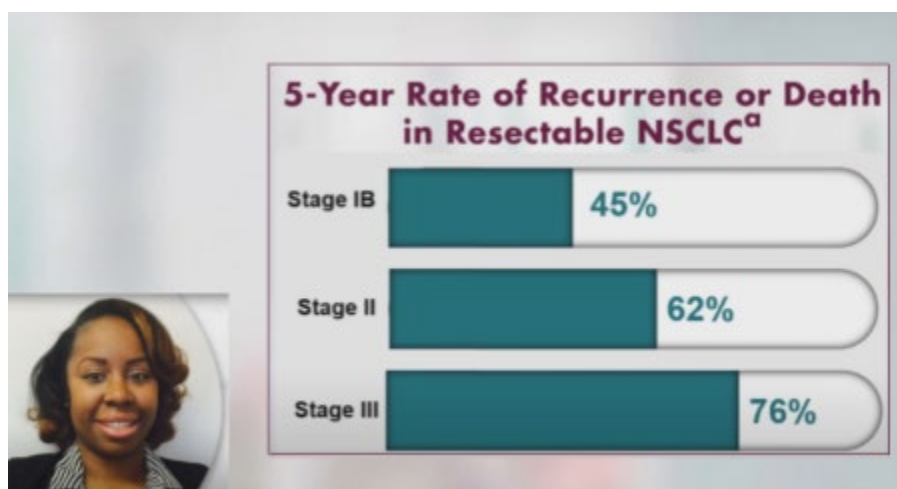
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## Videos Illuminate Unmet Needs, Optimal Screening for Lung Cancer

The latest videos are live on STS's Industry Spotlight, a collection from industry partners that highlights cutting-edge techniques, medical devices, and other industry news and education. Watch "Addressing Unmet Needs for Patients with Resectable NSCLC and the Benefits of an MDT Approach" and "The Importance of Early Detection of Lung Cancer: Best Practices to Optimize Screening Programs, sponsored by AstraZeneca, at [sts.org/industryspotlight](https://sts.org/industryspotlight).



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## Annals Short Reports Presents Quick, Accessible Original Research

*The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* recently launched *Annals Short Reports*—its new fully open access companion journal. This e-only publication provides a contemporary venue for authors to present their research in a digestible format, and it's supported by the same expert *Annals* Editorial Board. The journal [now is accepting submissions](#).



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## Next GTSD User Group Call Is July 27

Join your colleagues, IQVIA experts, and surgeon leaders for the latest updates to the GTSD, share your experience and tips, and get your questions answered. [Add a calendar reminder](#) and [join the live webinar](#) on July 27 at 2:30 p.m. CT.

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## Keep These Harvest Dates in Your Almanac

The Lung and Esophageal Cancer Composite results for the Spring 2022 Harvest (OR dates January 1, 2019–December 31, 2021) were made available on July 11 in the [Database platform](#). Participant results for the Benchmark and Legacy Reports sections will be released separately at a later time. STS will send a communication to the GTSD community when these reports are available.

As a reminder, the Fall 2022 Harvest will close on September 9 at 11:59 p.m. ET, with an opt-out date set for September 13.

The GTSD public reporting update was released on July 11 using results from the Fall 2021 Harvest (July 1, 2018–June 30, 2021).

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## Earn CME from *Annals* Article on Recurrence Post-Esophagectomy

Every month, four articles in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* offer continuing medical education—one each in adult cardiac surgery, general thoracic surgery, congenital heart surgery, and cardiothoracic anesthesiology. The July general thoracic surgery article is “[Monitoring for Recurrence After Esophagectomy](#),” in which Drs. Carolyn Chang, Philip Linden, Boxiang Jiang, and colleagues, examine if surveillance imaging can enhance detection of esophageal cancer recurrence and improve survival rates. Those with an online subscription can [access the CME test](#) for this article and others.

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## Help Patients Understand Why They Need Molecular Profiling

When patients are newly diagnosed with lung cancer, it’s understandable that they might want to undergo surgery right away, without waiting for biopsy results or genetic evaluations. In the latest post on the STS patient blog, [Dr. Mara Antonoff explains](#) why it’s important to first understand the nature of the tumor and to develop a personalized treatment plan. The blog is part of the STS patient website, [ctsurgerypatients.org](http://ctsurgerypatients.org). Questions or feedback? Contact Jennifer Bagley, [jbagley@sts.org](mailto:jbagley@sts.org).



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