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# STS National Database News

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## AQO Digital Archive Is Now in STS Learning Center

Registrants now can access on-demand content, archived live presentations, e-posters, and the virtual resource library from the 2021 Advances in Quality & Outcomes (AQO): A Data Managers Meeting in the [STS Learning Center](#). A record-breaking 1,403 individuals attended the conference, and the discussions among experts and colleagues were invaluable. Take advantage of this opportunity to catch up on sessions you missed and examine the latest research findings and recommendations. The meeting content is available until October 26, 2022. To receive continuing education credit, attendees must watch all content for a particular registry and then evaluate all presentations. The deadline to complete the evaluations and claim credit is **Saturday, January 15, 2022**.



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## Annual Meeting Early Bird Deadline Approaches

Have you registered yet for the [STS 58th Annual Meeting](#), taking place January 29-31 in Miami Beach, Florida? Don't wait—special early bird rates end next **Thursday, December 2**. STS 2022 promises to be an unforgettable experience with a mixture of networking events, practice-changing science, hands-on instruction, wellness programs, and more! In addition to an array of posters highlighting Database projects, of particular interest to GTSD data managers are sessions like Saturday's "**Novel Technology in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer**" and Sunday's "**Lung Cancer II: Access, Quality, Disparities.**"

[Review the Meeting Program](#) and [register](#) now. A virtual option also is available. All professional registrants, exhibitors, guests, and STS staff are required to show proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to onsite meeting admission.



The banner features the STS 2022 logo with the tagline "TOGETHER AGAIN" and the dates "January 29 - 31" and location "Miami Beach, Florida". It also includes the Society of Thoracic Surgeons logo and a colorful circular graphic. The text "Thought-provoking lectures • Practice-changing science • Hands-on instruction • Renowned expert faculty" is displayed in the center, and a blue button at the bottom says "Register now at [sts.org/annualmeeting!](https://sts.org/annualmeeting)".

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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](#) today.

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## 2022 Harvest Schedule Announced

The submission window is now closed for the 2021 Fall Data Harvest, and reports for procedures performed through June 30, 2021, will be posted this winter. The Spring 2022 Harvest close is March 2, 2022, with an opt-out date of March 8. For more information on harvest updates, answers to recent FAQs, and an introduction to the

new quality composite measure for lung cancer resections, review the [November 10 GTSD webinar](#). The current harvest schedule is posted on the [STS National Database page](#).

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	Harvest Submission Window Close	Opt-Out Date	Includes Procedures Performed Through:	Report Posting	Comments
Spring 2022	3/4/2022	3/8/2022	12/31/2021	Summer 2022	Star Rating
Fall 2022	9/9/2022	9/13/2022	6/30/2022	Winter 2022	Star Rating

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## Help Patients Cope with Chest Wall Tumors

If you interact with patients at your institution, you're in a unique position to support your surgeons and empower patients and families by providing resources from [ctsurgerypatients.org](https://ctsurgerypatients.org). The Society's patient information website, with content reviewed and contributed by member surgeons, offers animations, videos, and easy-to-understand language to explain numerous cardiothoracic conditions and procedures—and help patients know what to expect. For example, the page on [Chest Wall Tumors](#) explains the types and origins of these malignancies, describes symptoms, and explores the treatment options available.

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](mailto:jbagley@sts.org) with feedback or questions about the patient website.

# The Patient Guide to Heart, Lung, and Esophageal Surgery

A Website Provided by Cardiothoracic Surgeons Committed to Improving Patient Care

Adult Heart  
Disease

Pediatric and  
Congenital Heart  
Disease

Lung,  
Esophageal, and  
Other Chest  
Diseases

Procedures

Before, During,  
and After Surgery

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Have a Training Module  
What is a Cardiothoracic Surgeon?  
Resources



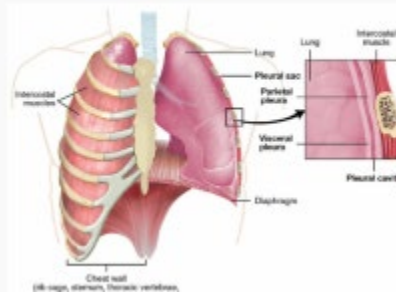
## Chest Wall Tumors

Chest Wall Tumors

The chest cavity—which houses the lungs, heart, and other vital body parts—is a bone and muscle cage that is framed by the sternum (breastplate), spine, and ribs. The wall of the chest cavity provides rigid protection for your heart, lungs, and liver, but also is flexible to aid in respiration. It is made up of structures, including the rib cage, diaphragm, and abdomen. Like any other part of your body, your chest wall is susceptible to tumors.

Cells are the building blocks that make up the tissue and organs in your body. Old or damaged cells usually die and new cells take their place. But sometimes, the process goes wrong or a single cell starts to grow uncontrollably until it becomes a mass of tissue called a tumor.

Sometimes, tumors are non-cancerous (benign) and are not life threatening; other times, the tumors are cancerous (malignant) and can invade surrounding tissues or spread to other areas of the body.



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