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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. 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.



Get Ready for AQO 2021, October 12–15

The final days are fast approaching to register for Advances in Quality Outcomes (AQO): A Data Managers Meeting. Now is the time to make sure you've got a seat at the virtual table—registration is free for all STS National Database data managers. The program on Wednesday, October 13, will be devoted entirely to the GTSD. [View a detailed agenda](#), [add a calendar reminder](#), and, if you haven't yet, [register now](#).



Mark Your Calendar for STS 2022

The [STS 58th Annual Meeting](#) will bring the cardiothoracic surgery specialty “Together Again” January 29–31, in Miami Beach, Florida. The live, in-person meeting will be augmented by a robust virtual component to ensure that attendees who can't travel can enjoy the experience from anywhere in the world. With 47 parallel sessions, 14 “Ask the Experts” sessions, four hands-on courses, four 360° “In the OR With...” sessions, eight Deep Dive presentations, featured lectures, more than 220 electronic posters, and more, STS 2022 is a don't-miss event for cardiothoracic surgery professionals of every discipline and at every career level. Registration opens soon.



Stay Abreast of Harvest Updates and Deadlines

The GTSD works continually to ensure the most accurate data abstraction—and to give participants time to have their latest data included.

- **Revised Spring and Fall 2020 Harvest results, as well as Spring 2021 Harvest results, are now available.** Review the [September 22 User Group call](#) for details on corrections to Harvest reports, as well as an expert-led Q&A session.
- **Fall 2021 Harvest close has been extended** to Friday, October 22, and the opt-out period ends Tuesday, October 26.

7-Minute Video Explains New Pulmonary Resection Composite (Coming 2022)

Serving as a broad measure of participant performance in lung cancer surgery, a new quality composite measure has been developed to include all pulmonary resections performed for lung cancer. In this [7-minute webinar](#), Dr. Stephen Broderick introduces the GTSD Pulmonary Resection Composite (coming in 2022).

Help Patients Understand Barrett's Esophagus

The STS patient information website, ctsurgerypatients.org, offers animations, videos, and easy-to-understand language to explain various cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. On the [Barrett's Esophagus page](#), patients can learn about the causes of this condition, how to manage it, and surgical options available, if necessary. 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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The Patient Guide to Heart, Lung, and Esophageal Surgery

A Website Presented 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


Have a Trending Topic? What is a Cardiothoracic Surgeon? Resources

Barrett's Esophagus

The esophagus (è-sə-fəh-gus) is the hollow, muscular tube that moves food and liquid from your mouth to your stomach. A ring of muscle fibers at the bottom of the esophagus keeps the stomach contents from moving backward.

In some people, the muscles of the esophagus don't work properly so the contents of their stomach flow backward into their esophagus on a regular basis (chronic acid reflux). Barrett's esophagus can occur when the reflux continually damages the lining of your esophagus.

No one knows how many people have Barrett's esophagus, but it is estimated to affect one in every 15 people. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases reports that Barrett's esophagus occurs twice as often in men than in women and more often among Caucasians than any other race.



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