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# STS National Database News

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## Thoracic Emergencies Symposium Available for Viewing

Experts from Europe, South America, and the US discussed the latest advances in treating emergent patient cases during the [STS/EACTS/ESTS Latin America Surgery Symposium: Thoracic Emergencies](#). You now can [watch the recorded program](#), which covers cases that include penetrating trauma, massive hemoptysis, laryngotracheal and tracheal stenosis, and more.



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## Submit Abstracts for World-Class STS Events

STS meetings are premier forums for sharing your research findings, quality initiatives, and expert techniques with the cardiothoracic surgery community. Abstract submissions open in late May for:

- [2022 Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting](#) in Providence, Rhode Island.
- [STS 59th Annual Meeting](#) in San Diego, California.
- [19th Annual Perioperative and Critical Care Conference](#) in Denver, Colorado.



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## You Have Exclusive Access to STS Database Resources

The comprehensive data collection resources on *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. If you need help with your login credentials, contact [membership@sts.org](mailto:membership@sts.org).

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## See How New CoC Lung Cancer Standards Affect Your Workflow

In January 2022, the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC) updated its Quality of Care Measures for CoC-accredited cancer programs to treat cancer patients. For surgeons at these centers, implementing the new changes to

quality metrics can seem daunting. In this 1-hour STS webinar, Dr. Linda Martin, the STS representative to the CoC, and an interdisciplinary panel from major cancer centers, break down what the new standards are, how they affect thoracic surgeons, and how to ensure that your program is compliant. [Watch the video.](#)

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## Stay Abreast of Approaching Dates and Deadlines

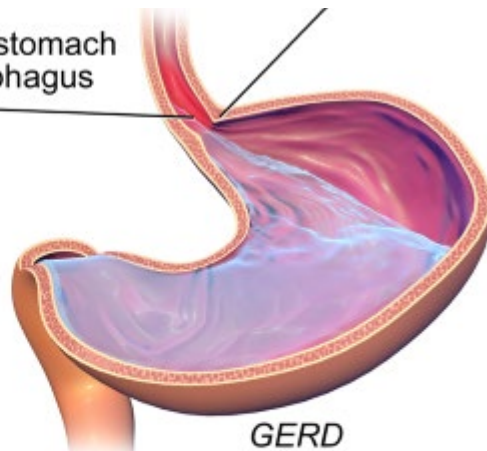
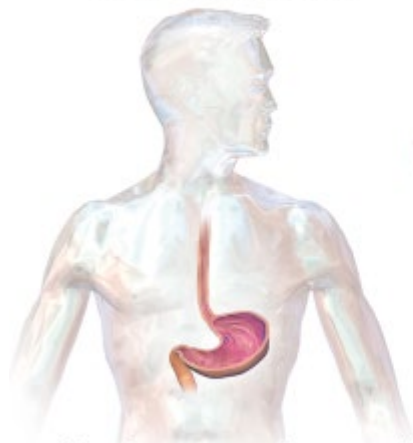
- The GTSD Fall 2022 Harvest is scheduled to close September 9, with an opt-out date of September 13.
  - Tune in for the next GTSD User Group call next Wednesday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m. CT. [Add it to your calendar.](#)
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## Give Your Patients the Word on GERD

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://ctsurgerypatients.org), is filled with easy-to-understand language and helpful illustrations, animations, and videos for explaining cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. The [Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease \(GERD\)](#) page explains the condition's causes and symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options, and steps to recovery, 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](mailto:jbagley@sts.org) with feedback or questions.

Backflow of acid and stomach contents into the esophagus causes heartburn



## Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)

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