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Annual Meeting Online Now Is Available

The rich content presented during the STS 58th Annual Meeting now is available on-demand through Annual Meeting Online. This product features nearly 40 educational sessions incorporating the latest research, technology, and best practices in all major cardiothoracic surgery disciplines. For those who registered for STS 2022, complimentary access to Annual Meeting Online was included with registration and is available via the [STS Learning Center](#). Those who weren't registered for the meeting can [purchase the product](#), with discounts for STS members.



Coding Workshop Content Is Ready to View

If you missed the 2022 STS Coding Workshop, the [digital archive is available](#) for purchase. The course includes approximately 15 hours of video lectures and 7 hours of recorded Q&A with scenario-based questions and challenging coding examples. Purchasers gain unlimited access to the course content until February 1, 2023. Continuing medical education or coding credits are available.



Prepare for Audits with a Spring Cleaning

The Intermacs auditing process is about to begin. Information about the audit's purpose and policy, as well as appendices defining audited variables, are housed on the [STS National Database page](#). Note that the data pull from the warehouse will occur 2 weeks after chosen sites are notified. Data in the warehouse at the time of data pull will be used for audit. Any

data updated after this time will not be applicable toward audit results.

Mark Your Calendar for Reporting Webinar

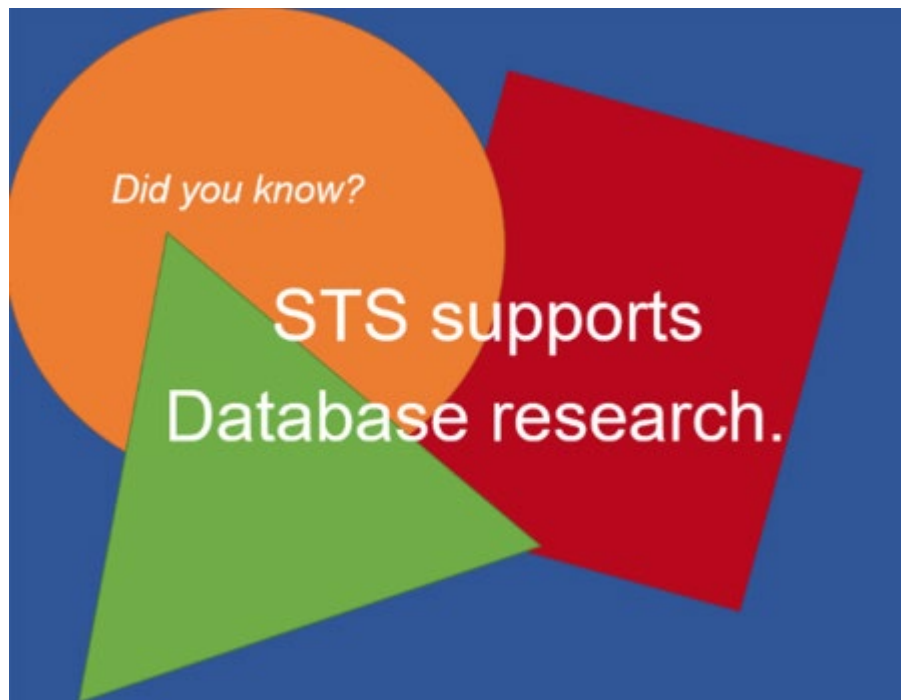
During the April 21 Quarterly Report webinar at 2:00 p.m. CT, participants will learn the latest on quarterly analysis reports, and the Intermacs reporting director will answer questions and accept suggestions. You're encouraged [to submit your questions in advance](#) and [join the discussion next week](#).

Report Distribution Schedule

Calendar Quarter	Data Entry Deadline	Coverage Stop Date	Distribution Date
Q1	April 30th	March 31st	June 30th
Q2	July 31st	June 30th	September 30th
Q3	October 31st	September 30th	December 31st
Q4	January 31st	December 31st	March 31st

Get Your Research Funded with Help from STS

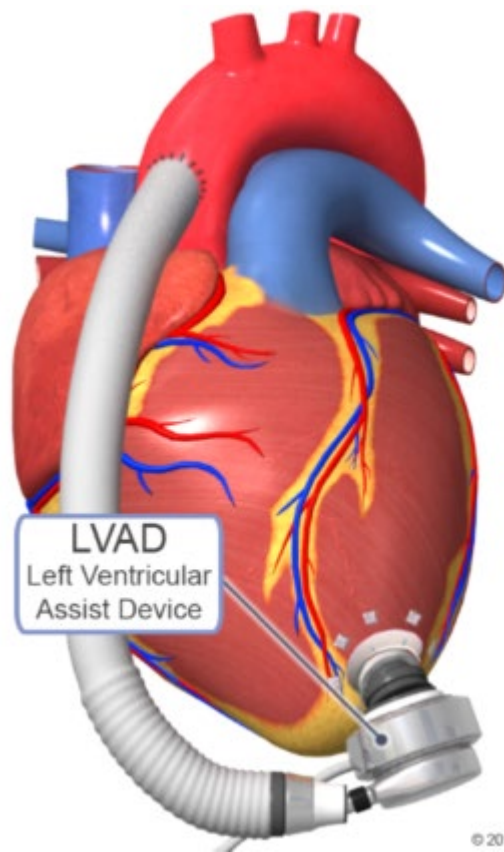
Investigators looking to conduct research with data from the STS National Database can seek both funding and application assistance from the Society's task forces. See how your site can advance its efforts through the STS-sponsored [Access & Publications Research Program](#), the [Externally Funded Research Program](#), or the [Participant User File Research Program](#).



Help Patients Understand the LVAD Lifestyle

If you interact with patients and families at your institution, you can be an important lifeline to vital information that helps them understand their conditions and treatments. The STS patient website, ctsurgerypatients.org, is filled with easy-to-understand language and helpful illustrations, animations, and videos for explaining cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. The [Left Ventricular Assist Device \(LVAD\)](#) page details how an LVAD works, risks after the implantation operation, and life with an LVAD.

You can download and print handouts in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to let your patients know about this important resource. Contact Jennifer Bagley at jbagley@sts.org with feedback or questions about the patient website.



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