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AQO Registration Is Open Now

Registration is open and abstracts are being accepted for the [2022 Advances in Quality Outcomes \(AQO\): A Data Managers Meeting](#), taking place October 26–28 in Providence, Rhode Island. AQO is a unique opportunity to explore research findings, quality initiatives, and expert techniques with the cardiothoracic surgery community.

The first day of the conference will feature presentations from the InterMACS and PediMACS Databases. Abstract submissions are due **Tuesday, July 5**—only 2 weeks left!—and the early bird deadline for discounted registration is **August 26**. [See abstract guidelines](#) and [get your team registered](#).

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Be Part of STS 2023 and Critical Care Conference

The [STS 59th Annual Meeting](#)—to be held January 21–23, in San Diego, California—is the premier forum for cardiothoracic surgery research and education. [Submit your work](#) by **July 22** for oral presentations, scientific posters, and surgical videos in the following categories:

- Adult cardiac surgery
- Congenital heart surgery
- General thoracic surgery
- Basic science research
- Quality improvement
- Cardiothoracic surgical education
- Physician/provider wellness
- Perioperative management and critical care

If you are involved in Phase I, II, or III clinical trials for which no preliminary data will be available by the July deadline, you can submit a promissory abstract (data must be available by December 16). The Society also is accepting compelling session proposals that showcase emerging, innovative, and/or critical issues facing the specialty. The deadline for promissory abstracts and session proposals also is **July 22**. [Learn more about submission.](#)



The [19th Annual Perioperative and Critical Care Conference](#) will take place September 8–10 in Denver, Colorado. This event—which attracts attendees and faculty from around the world—is designed to enhance knowledge and expertise in cardiovascular and thoracic critical care as well as in enhanced recovery after surgery. [Submit your abstract](#) by **July 13** and [register to attend](#).



You Have Exclusive Access to STS Database Resources

The comprehensive data collection resources on the [STS National Database](#) page are available to you as a Database participant. Access to training manuals, demonstration videos, data collection forms, surgeon worksheets, and more under “Important Resources” now requires a login. Your username and password are the same that you last used to register for AQO. If you need help with your login credentials, contact membership@sts.org.

For Intermacs users, the interactive dashboard enables comparison of cohorts and individual sites’ adverse rates and outcomes, while the Kaplan-Meier analytical tool displays survival curves—and many more metrics—at your site. Access these on the [Intermacs platform](#).

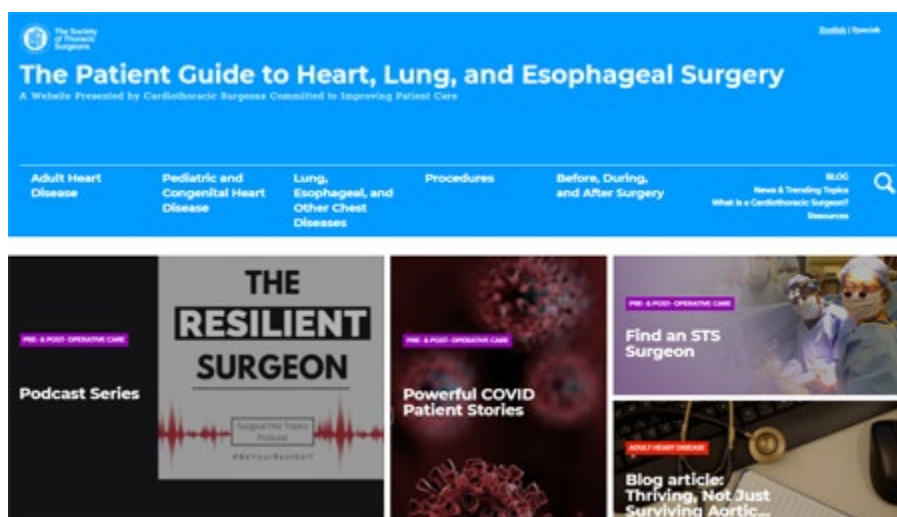
Don’t Miss the Next Intermacs/Pedimacs User Group Call

Stay abreast of the latest developments in Intermacs and Pedimacs, and get your questions answered by Database experts and surgeon leaders. The next user group call is scheduled for **June 29 at 1:00 p.m. CT**. [Bookmark the webinar page](#) and [add a calendar reminder](#).

Help Patients Take Charge of Their Heart Transplant Journey

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, is filled with easy-to-understand language and helpful illustrations, animations, and videos for explaining cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. The [Adult Heart Transplantation](#) page helps patients stand ready for their transplant, learning about what happens during the operation and what to expect during recovery.

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 with feedback or questions.



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