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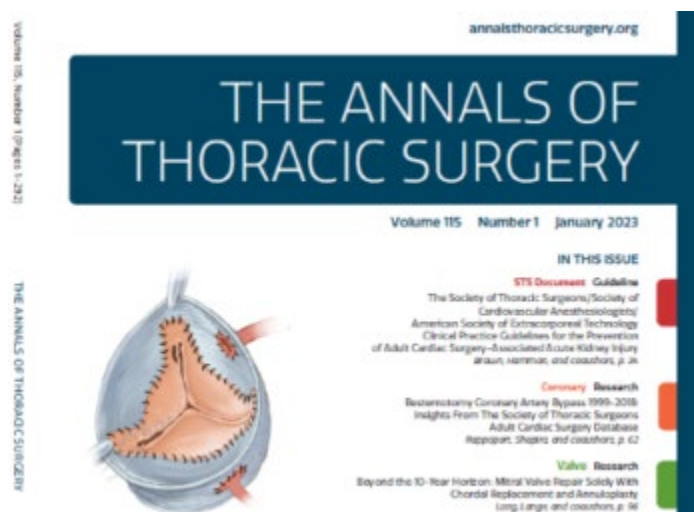
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See What the Heart Transplant Allocation Change Meant for LVADs

“The Society of Thoracic Surgeons InterMACS 2022 Annual Report: Focus on 2018 Heart Transplant Allocation System” is now available. In addition to a review of outcomes for patients receiving continuous flow durable left ventricular assist devices (LVAD) over the last decade, the authors examined the impact of the change in heart transplant allocation systems in 2018 on LVAD candidacy, implant strategy, and outcomes. [Read the report online](#) now in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*.



Claim Continuing Education Credit for AQO

It's time to claim your credit for [Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting](#). AQO registrants should [visit the meeting platform](#) to view all content. To

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Virtual Access Pass Delivers Exclusive Hot Topics Invites

AQO attendees brought home new insights on valuable research results, best practices, and expert answers to essential user questions. Registrants have access to a virtual pass and can browse a collection of session recordings, on-demand courses, and e-posters. It's not too late to [purchase a pass](#)—and buyers also will be invited to four AQO Hot Topics webinars in January 2023 featuring participant Q&A with meeting faculty. STS members receive special discounts, and the deadline to make your purchase is December 31.

Get Reduced Hotel Rates, See Your Data in Action at STS 2023

The STS 59th Annual Meeting in San Diego, January 21–23, is an exciting forum for Database participants to witness the latest scientific advancements—and never-before-seen research made possible solely because of the robust data you curate, including a special report on variables affecting survival in pediatric patients supported with VADs, part of the session “Current Controversies in Congenital

Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support.” [View the program](#), [register your team for the meeting](#), and reserve your hotel rooms to see how your data curation efforts are transforming surgical science across the world.

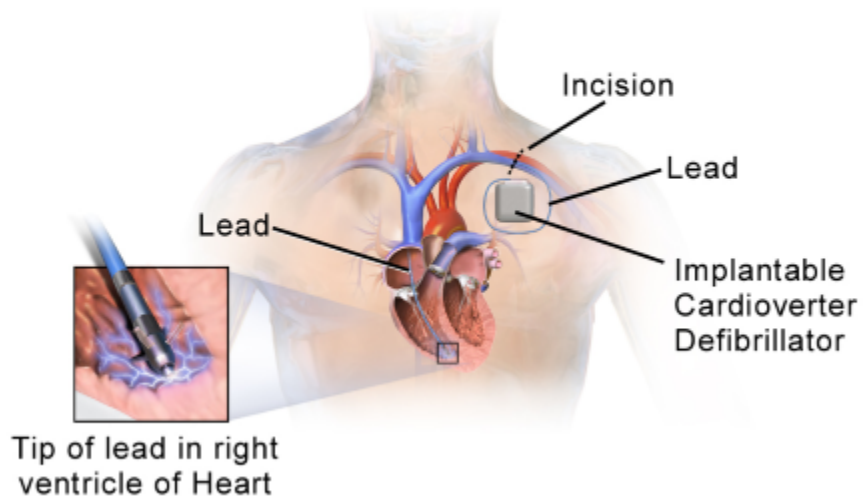


Give Patients Insight into Heart Failure

Interacting with patients and families at your medical center gives you the opportunity to help answer their questions and allay their concerns. The STS patient website, ctsurgerypatients.org, is full of easy-to-understand language, illustrations, and videos that explain a variety of cardiothoracic conditions and procedures. On the [Heart Failure](#) page, patients will find a rundown of causes and symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options, and the recovery process.

Printable handouts, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), are available to keep on hand to let your patients know about the STS patient website.

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