



The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Congenital Heart Surgery Database

September 16, 2025

# Agenda

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- Welcome and Introduction
- STS AQO Update
- STS Data Manager Education (Chasity Wellnitz and Leslie Wacker, CHSD Consultants)
- Q&A

# STS Updates

- September Training Manual posted
- Fall 2025 Harvest (Includes Surgery dates July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025)
  - Harvest scheduled to close on Friday, September 26 @11:59pmET
  - Final day to opt out is September 30 @ 5:00pmET
- 2026 Harvest Dates coming soon!
- Data Manager Collaborative Update

# Data Manager Collaborative

- The STS National Database Data Manager Collaborative (DMC) officially concluded on August 21, 2025.
- STS will make every effort to pair data managers who submitted a match request by August 20, 2025. If you are already matched, you are welcome to continue meeting with your peers independently.
- Moving forward, we encourage data managers to stay engaged by participating in monthly webinars, regional groups, [connecting through the STS Data Managers Facebook Group](#), and attending AQO.
- STS extends its sincere thanks to all data managers who have participated in and supported the various iterations of this program over the years.



# AQO 2025

- **CHSD and GTSD Sessions:**  
**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Networking Reception to follow**
- ACSD Session: Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>
- Intermacs and Pedimacs Session:  
Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> VIRTUAL
- Grand Hyatt San Antonio  
Riverwalk
- Both In Person (ACSD, CHSD,  
GTSD) and Virtual options (all  
databases) will be available



Event

## 2025 Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting

Discussions on valuable research and important clinical findings with the goal of improving data collection and patient outcomes.



Date(s)

Sep 25—26, 2025



Location

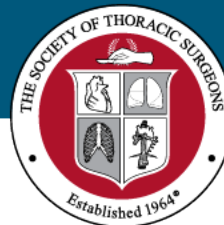
San Antonio, TX



Audience

Allied Health

Data Manager



# AQO Registration Now Open



**ADVANCES  
IN QUALITY  
& OUTCOMES:**  
*A Data Managers Meeting*

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2025 • SAN ANTONIO, TX

**Register now at [sts.org/AQO](https://sts.org/AQO)**





# Education Discussion Topics

- FAQs
  - Timeline
  - Clinical Question Request Form
- Non-clinical Harvest questions





# Resources for Data Managers

Tips, training, and key deadlines for data abstraction

Access the Database

Access Intermacs

Registries

STS National  
Database

For Data  
Managers

STS/ACC TVT  
Registry

Research

STS Research and  
Analytic Center

Current Projects

Published Research

Industry Data  
Requests

Public Reporting

STS Public  
Reporting

STS/ACC TVT Public  
Reporting

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Toolkit

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Calculators

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## Data Manager Guidance

### Advances in Quality Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting

AQO 2025 will offer a unique opportunity to explore techniques for optimizing data collection using case scenarios and driving quality improvement. Head for San Antonio this September to attend the premier gathering of STS National Database professionals as they share valuable research and important clinical findings with hundreds of peers. [Learn more here.](#)

### Regional Groups

STS National Database regional groups offer a collaborative networking environment for peer-to-peer support and non-clinical guidance related to data abstraction. [Learn more.](#)

### STS National Database News



added to the mailing list for future issues.

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## Clinical Question Request Form

Are you struggling with a clinical question regarding data abstraction? Fill out the Clinical Question Request Form and get a response within 30 days.

[Submit a Request](#)

## Contact and Support

STS is available to help you with questions regarding the STS National Database.

If you have specific questions regarding the platform or participant reports, contact the [STS National Database helpdesk](#). You will receive a helpdesk ticket, and STS will aim to follow up with you within 2 business days. Note: Heavy call and email volumes are anticipated as harvest deadlines approach. We appreciate your patience.

For general questions (like invoicing, updating contacts, or harvest schedules), contact the [STS National Database staff team](#). For public reporting questions, contact [STS Public Reporting](#).

[Contact Helpdesk](#)

Full Name \*

- Select -

Adult Cardiac v4.20.2

Adult Cardiac v2.9

Adult Anesthesia

General Thoracic v5.21

General Thoracic v2.41

Congenital v6.23

Congenital v3.41

Intermacs

Pedimacs

- Select -



State/Province \*

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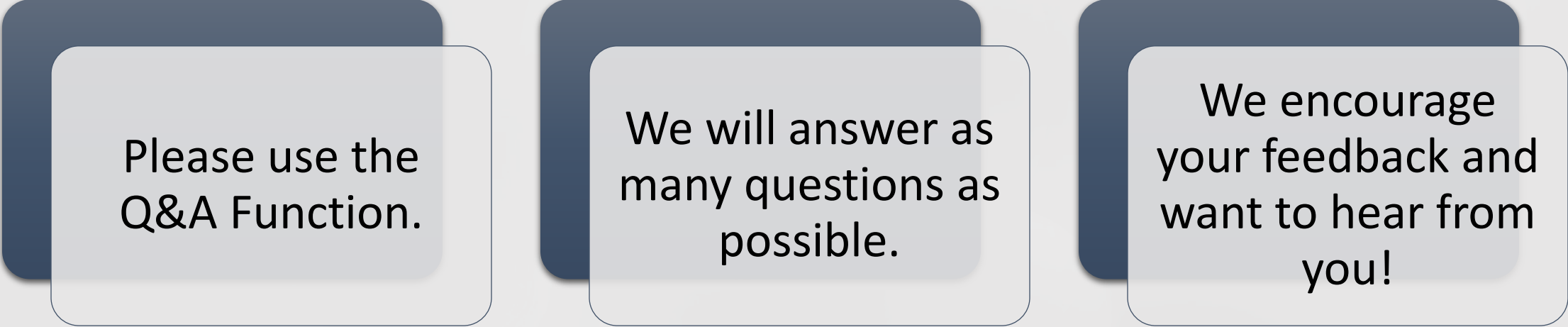


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# Non-Clinical Harvest Q&A



# Open Discussion



Please use the  
Q&A Function.

We will answer as  
many questions as  
possible.

We encourage  
your feedback and  
want to hear from  
you!



Upcoming  
CHSD  
Webinars

## Monthly Webinars

- 10/21/25 @ 12pmCT
- 11/18/25 @ 12pmCT



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING!