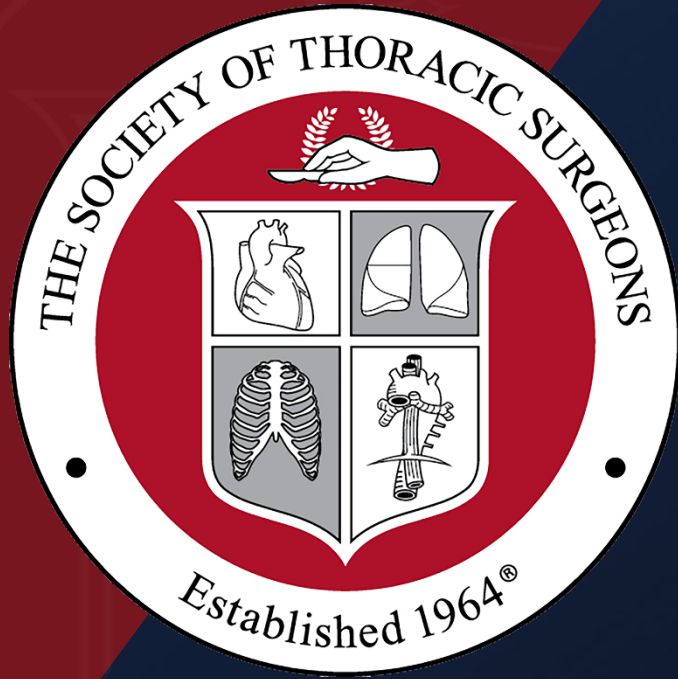




The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Intermacs & Pedimacs Monthly Webinar

August 26, 2026



Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

STS Updates

New Platform Demo

Open Q&A



The STS Team

Nancy Honeycutt, BSN, RN LSSGBH, National Database Manager for the ACSD, Intermacs and Pedimacs

Carole Krohn, MPH, BSN, RN, LSSGB, Director of the STS National Database

Leighann Jones, BS, National Database Manager for the Congenital and General Thoracic Databases

Emily Conrad, MS, National Database Education Manager



The Intermacs Data Warehouse Team

Brandon Singletary, PhD, Statistician III, Epidemiologist

Ryan Cantor, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer

Rama Rudraraju, PhD, Chief Technology Officer, Kirklin Solutions

John Pennington, MSHI, Director of Data Management

PHI Security Reminder

Protected Health Information (PHI)



To protect patient privacy, PHI should only be shared via **secure** or **encrypted** email.



Do not send PHI through regular email.



If you do not have a way to send a secure email, please reach out to me and I will send you a Neo Certified email that you can respond to.

Important Dates



Intermacs Transition Timeline



OCTOBER 1, 2026

Launch New Intermacs System

- Current forms remain in place at go-live



JANUARY 1, 2027

Launch New Adverse Events (AEs)

- Transition to updated AE structure



MARCH 30, 2027

First Reporting Cycle with New AE Structure

- Reports generated using new system and updated AE forms



PLEASE NOTE:

The **Intermacs** database will be unavailable from **September 14–30, 2026**, for data migration. Data entry and updates will resume on **October 1, 2026**.



Pedimacs Transition Timeline



APRIL 1, 2027

Launch New Pedimacs System

- Transition to new platform



JUNE 30, 2027

First Reporting Cycle from New System

- Reports generated and distributed from the new system.



PLEASE NOTE:

Pedimacs will be unavailable from **March 17–31, 2027**, for data migration. Data entry and updates will resume on **April 1, 2027.**



AQO 2026 – Intermacs Live Virtual

AQO 2026 will offer a unique opportunity to explore techniques for optimizing data collection, using case scenarios, and driving quality improvement. Head for New Orleans 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.

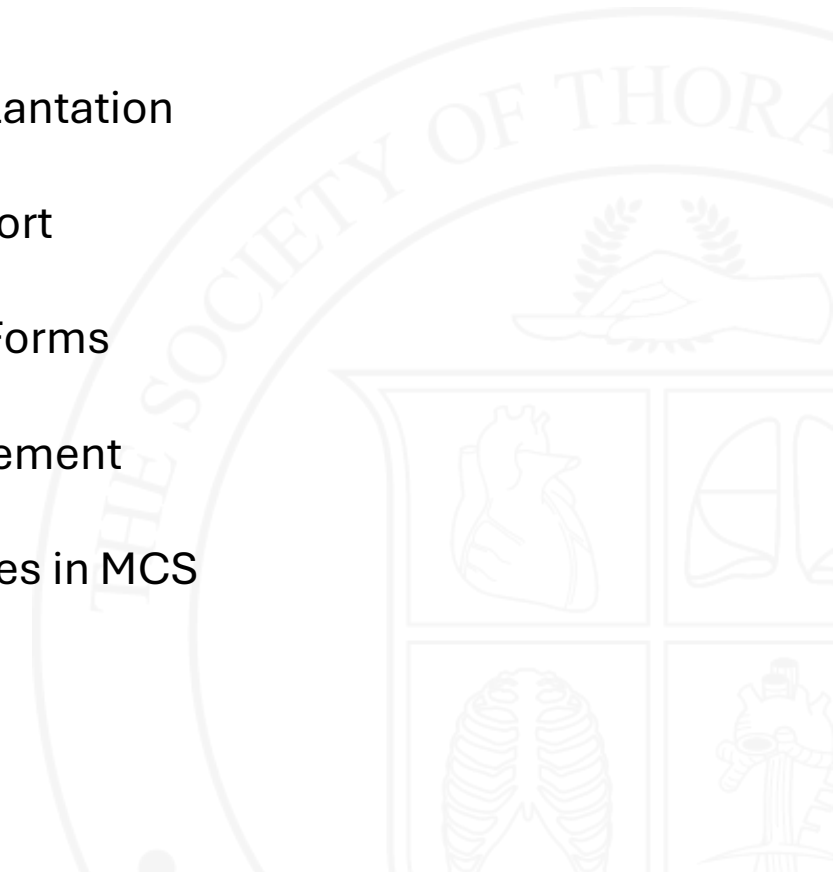
Intermacs & Pedimacs-Live Virtual Forum via Zoom-September 24, 2026

If you are attending in person for one of the other databases-

- Dates: September 30-October 2, 2026
- Location: Hilton Riverside Hotel, New Orleans, LA
 - CHSD & GTSD Sessions-September 30- October 1
 - ACSD Sessions-October 1-October 2
 - Day 2 for each database will be half-day breakout discussions

2026 Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting Program | STS

- New Data Managers Session
- 90 Day Risk Model Updates
- Emerging Research; Durable LVAD vs. Heart Transplantation
- How to Get the Most Out of Your Dashboard
- Advances in Pediatric Mechanical Circulatory Support
- New Platform Demonstrations
- Review of the New Adverse Events Definitions and Forms
- Help! I've Been Selected for the Audit
- How to Use Your InterMACs Data for Quality Improvement
- Live Data Download Demonstration
- The ARIES Trial and Current Antithrombotic Strategies in MCS
- Inquiring Minds Want to Know: FAQ Case Scenarios



 Event

2026 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.



[Register Now](#)

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Date(s)

Sep 30 – Oct 2, 2026



Location

New Orleans, LA



Audience

**Allied Health
Data Manager**

Pricing

In-Person Registration	Registration Fee	Late Registration Fee (after Aug. 31, 2026)
STS Member — One Registry (CHSD or GTSD or ACSD)	\$700	\$800
STS Member — Two Registries ((CHSD or GTSD) AND (ACSD))	\$1,100	\$1,200
Non-Member — One Registry (CHSD or GTSD or ACSD)	\$800	\$900
Non-Member — Two Registries ((CHSD or GTSD) AND (ACSD))	\$1,200	\$1,300
Industry Employee	\$1,200	\$1,300
Virtual-Only Registration	Early Bird Registration Fee (through July 31, 2026)	Standard Registration Fee
STS Member Virtual Pass + Intermacs Forum	\$450	\$550
STS Member Virtual Pass Only (no Intermacs Forum)	\$350	\$450
Non-Member Virtual Pass + Intermacs Forum	\$550	\$650
Non-Member Virtual Pass Only (no Intermacs Forum)	\$450	\$550

- Member rate requires STS membership (not the same as database participation)
- If you are attending in-person, the in-person rate includes the Virtual Pass for ALL databases AND the Intermacs Forum

[AQO 2026 Justification Letter Request | STS](#)

Hilton New Orleans Riverside

★★★★☆ Based on 1651 reviews

2 Poydras St, New Orleans, LA 70130, US [See Map](#)

Hotel Arrangements

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside (2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70140). The special AQO group rate of \$259, plus state and local taxes, is guaranteed **through Tuesday, Sept. 8**, or until the group block is sold out. Guest rooms reserved after the cutoff date or when the room block is sold out are subject to hotel availability. [Reserve your room online](#).

STS- Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting (AQO) - Start your reservation



Welcome to STS- Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting (AQO)

Book your hotel room for the event at special rates, available here on an exclusive basis.

Select attendee type

Attendee



Make reservation

[Manage existing reservation](#)

Sherri Ann Wissman Memorial Excellence Award

- This award is presented to an outstanding VAD coordinator who demonstrates loyalty, dependability, and selflessness, is helpful to patients and fellow employees, and contributes to the overall quality of life for our VAD patients.
- To nominate a deserving VAD coordinator, please visit the STS website, where you will find a link to the webform.
- Please submit your nominations by Friday, August 28, 2026.

<https://www.sts.org/2026-sherri-ann-wissman-memorial-excellence-award>



COMING NEXT WEEK

Patient & Site Counts



Users will now see:

- Total Intermacs patient count
- Total active Intermacs center count



Displayed on the
Site Home page



Information previously available
on the Intermacs website



COMING NEXT WEEK

New Medications



We are adding these new medications to the **Preimplant and Follow-up Medications form.**

Ivabradine:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Unknown
Vericiguat:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Unknown
SGLT2i:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Unknown
(If SGLT2i = 'Yes' →)	☐ Dapagliflozin (Farxiga)		
	☐ Empagliflozin (Jardiance)		
	☐ Other		



COMING NEXT WEEK

Follow-up Medication Updates



We are adding back:

The question regarding inotropes and vasopressors to Follow-up forms.



This captures:

Whether the patient has received inotropes or vasopressors since the previous follow-up.



Medication options will be reorganized:

- Inotropes grouped together
- Vasopressors grouped together

Intermacs Platform Demonstration



Up Next:

Rama Rudraraju, PhD

Chief Technology Officer
Kirklin Solutions

will provide a demonstration of
the new **Intermacs Platform**.

Help Us Choose a Timeline Label



We are looking for feedback on the label used for device-related events in the patient timeline.

☒ MCS ☒ Complications ☒ Transfers

08/25/2026

MCS

10:38 AM

Implant

Device: LVAD

Device ID: 1000007

08/26/2026

MCS

3:39 PM

Implant Discharge

Poll Question:

What should this timeline label be called?

Please select your preferred option in the Zoom poll.

Label suggestions for MCS in timeline:

- 1 Devices
- 2 Operations
- 3 I like the current label: MCS
- 4 Support
- 5 Other, Specify

Questions?



Please use the
raise-hand
function.

Please use the
Q&A Function.

We will answer
as many
questions as
possible.

We encourage
your feedback
and want to hear
from you!

Contact Us

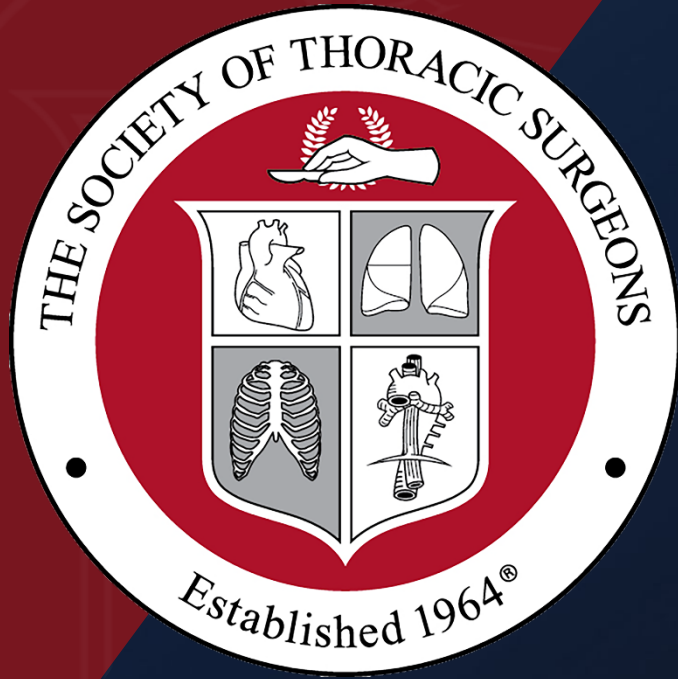
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Thank You for Joining!

Intermacs Pedimacs Quality Assurance Report
Overview Webinar Thursday, October 15, 2026, at
2pm CT/3pm ET