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Launch of Webinar Series for New Data Managers

Starting in July, STS is planning to launch a webinar series for new data managers abstracting for the General Thoracic Surgery Database. Various topics will be covered, including software and data specifications, understanding data abstraction requirements and harvest schedules, and a host of relevant web resources. While the intended audience is new data managers, these webinars could serve as a nice refresher course for seasoned users as well. View the [STS National Database Webinars page](#) in the coming weeks for the complete webinar schedule.

Data Collection Updates

The latest [training manual \(v2.41\)](#) published on the [GTSD Data Collection page](#) was revised in May and contains important information to help with data abstraction. COVID-19 variables and FAQs are included in the training manual. Updates are posted at the beginning of each month. (Note: The updates are shown as bookmarks and are easily seen using Internet Explorer. If you prefer to use Google Chrome or another browser, you may have to download the PDF and open the bookmarks manually in Adobe Acrobat.)

Site Audits Canceled

In the last edition of *STS National Database News*, it was announced that site audits would be coming soon. The Society listened to your concerns about experiencing an increased workload due to the COVID-19 pandemic and decided to cancel the 2020 STS National Database audit.

Quick Hits: Data Submissions, Report Posting, Secondary Emails

- The Fall Harvest, which contains data through June 30, 2020, will close at 5:00 p.m. ET on **September 18, 2020**.
 - Spring Harvest results should be ready by Summer 2020. Refer to the [2020 harvest schedule](#) for additional details.
 - STS is accepting secondary email addresses for those who have issues receiving STS National Database communications at their workplace. If you would like to add another email address, please email STSDB@sts.org.
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Save the Date

The [2020 Advances in Quality & Outcomes \(AQO\) Meeting](#) will be held virtually this year. Data managers and STS National Database participants are encouraged to begin thinking about quality improvement projects that can be completed over the next few months so that the results can be submitted as abstracts. Abstract submission will begin soon. If you are interested in being a presenter or helping plan AQO, please contact Emily Conrad at econrad@sts.org. The meeting will be held September 29 – October 2 with dedicated days for each registry.

- Tuesday, September 29 – Intermacs/Pedimacs
- **Wednesday, September 30 – General Thoracic**
- Thursday, October 1 – Adult Cardiac
- Friday, October 2 – Congenital



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