Society of Thoracic Surgeons

General Thoracic Surgery Database

April 8, 2020
Please Hold Q&A

• Information filled webinar
• Hold questions until the end
Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions
• Housekeeping
• Important Dates
• Covid-19 Update
• Public Reporting and Audit Update
• Q&A
Housekeeping

- April Training Manual
- New DCF's for v2.41
- AQO – Being Evaluated
- Data Version 5.21 Update
Important Dates for General Thoracic

- **7 Mar**: GTSD Fall 2020 Harvest in Progress
- **8 Apr**: GTSD Monthly Webinar @ 1:30pmCT
- **13 May**: Covid-19 Field Added
- **18 Sept**: GTSD Monthly Webinar @ 1:30pmCT
- **1 Jan 2021**: v5.21 Go-Live
- **18 Sept**: Fall 2020 Harvest Close
Poll Questions

Has your role been affected related to Covid-19?
What types of procedures is your hospital performing?
Where are the hospital(s) located that you are abstracting for mostly located?
Field Added for Covid-19
Abstracting Covid-19 Fields

**Why is this field added?**
Sites have reported that patients who are found to be Covid-19+ are having worse surgical outcomes.

**Do we really need to go back to January to abstract this field?**
No. But, you can go back to January 1 if your site was impacted early on.

**Will these patients be included in outcomes?**
STS is in discussion regarding how these cases will be handled. We need to get data to see its impact.

**Can I abstract a patient who is assumed to be Covid-19+ but was not tested.**
No. ONLY code yes for a patient who has been confirmed to have Covid-19 through laboratory testing.

**Covid-19 after discharge**
For patients that self-report testing positive for Covid-19 within 30 days of surgery indicate 'Yes, after discharge within 30 days of surgery'.
Public Reporting Postponed

Public Reporting for 2020

There will not be a refresh of the public reporting results on the STS website in 2020
The next public reporting refresh will be January 2021
Sites will still receive star ratings for Spring 2020 in their reports but these will not be used for public reporting

V5.21 Go-live
January 1, 2021

At this point, we do not anticipate a change in v5.21 go live
We will respond to the needs of our participants as we get closer
# GTSD Audit Update and Poll Question

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<td>Data Summary Reports have been provided to all audited sites</td>
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Questions & Answers

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