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General Thoracic Surgery Database
Monthly Webinar

August 11, 2021



GTSD Monthly Webinar

- Welcome and Introductions
- STS Update
- FAQ Mailbox Updates
- IQVIA Update
- User Feedback
 - Include Ticket Number/Case Number

General Thoracic



- **Fall 2021 Harvest Close date has been extended!!!!**
 - Originally scheduled to close Friday, August 27
- **Official email announcement will be sent to Participants Thursday, August 12th**
 - New close date is **Friday, September 24th**
 - Opt Out by **Tuesday, September 28th**



▶ Polling Questions

2021 Advances in Quality and Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting



ADVANCES IN QUALITY & OUTCOMES:
A Data Managers Meeting
October 12-15, 2021 ■ VIRTUAL



October 12, 2021 - October 15, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Registration will open soon!

The 2021 Advances in Quality & Outcomes (AQO): A Data Managers Meeting features sessions for all four components of the STS National Database. Surgeon leaders and data managers will gather during AQO this year – virtually – to share valuable research and important clinical findings with the goal of improving data collection and patient outcomes. Each day is dedicated entirely to one registry:

- Tuesday, October 12 – Intermacs/Pedimacs
- Wednesday, October 13 – General Thoracic
- Thursday, October 14 – Adult Cardiac
- Friday, October 15 – Congenital

A detailed agenda with speakers and session times will be available in the coming weeks.

Registration is free for STS National Database participants.*

Please [provide your contact information](#) if you would like to receive updates.



[View the Preliminary Agenda](#)

[Add Calendar Reminder](#)

Pricing

Registration is required for all attendees. Your registration entitles you to participate in any or all of the meeting days.

STS National Database Participant*	FREE
General Attendee Multiday – STS Member	\$300
General Attendee Multiday – Non-Member	\$400

If you are not an STS National Database participant, you will need an STS Member ID in order to receive the discounted member rate. For help with your STS Member ID, [contact Member Services](#).

***To receive free registration for AQO**, you must be an STS National Database Participant assigned to one of these roles:

- **Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, and/or Congenital Heart Surgery Databases:** Surgeon Representative, Participant Surgeon, Anesthesiologist Representative, Anesthesiologist, Primary Data and File Contact, Primary Direct Data Entry Contact, Backup Data and File Contact, Backup Direct Data Entry Contact, Data Quality Report Recipient, or National Report Recipient.
- **Intermacs:** Physician Representative, Site Administrator, Backup Site Administrator, or Data Entry Coordinator.

The [STS Participant Contact Form](#) allows STS National Database participants to add or update the contact information on file for their institutions. It is essential that you keep your contact information up to date so that you receive important updates regarding AQO registration. For help confirming that you qualify for free registration, contact the [STS National Database team](#).

Questions?

- **Registration:** [Amy Cacich](#), Meetings and Conventions Manager

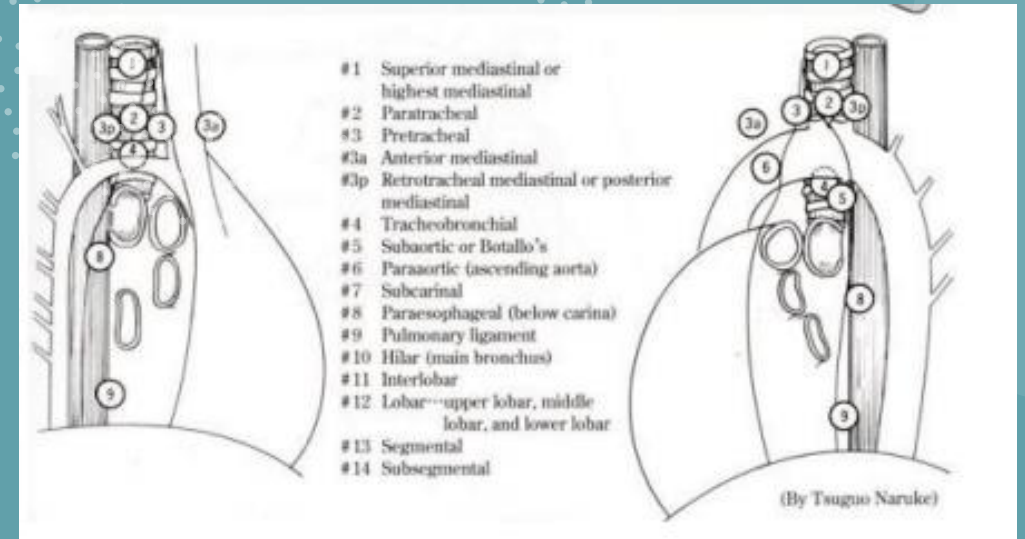
The background is a dark blue gradient. On the right side, there is a stylized illustration of a grey mailbox with a red flag. Several white envelopes are shown in motion, with white curved lines indicating their paths. One envelope is entering the mailbox, another is leaving, and others are floating in the air. In the top right corner, there are two small red dots.

Ruth Raleigh –
GTSD Consultant

FAQ Mailbox Updates

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- If your pathology report does not state what nodal station a lymph node is from, please ask your pathologist and/or surgeon for the station.
- Station name is acceptable in lieu of station number as provided in the training manual.



SeqNo: 1880

Long Name:

Lung Cancer Nodes Assessed

Short Name:

LungNodeAsses

Format:

Text (categorical values specified by STS)

Definition:

Indicate whether the nodes were assessed.

ParentLongName:

Clinical Staging - Lung Cancer Tumor Present

ParentShortName:

ClinStageTumorPres

ParentValue:

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SeqNo: 4290
Long Name:

Substance Use Screening and Counseling

Intent/Clarification: This is NQF measure 2597. Indicate patients who were screened by a healthcare provider, nurse, or an allied healthcare provider at least once within the last 24 months for tobacco use, unhealthy alcohol use, non-medical prescription drug use, and illicit drug use AND who received an intervention for all positive screening results.

Time frame 24 months prior to episode of care until discharge of episode of care.

Patient must be screened for all three.

If the patient screens positive for any listed substance use, appropriate counseling is required to code YES for this field.

Step 1: Determine if patient was screened for ALL of the following within the past 24 months – tobacco use, unhealthy alcohol use, and drug use. If the patient has been screened for all 3 AND screens negative for all 3 then you will answer “yes” to seq 4290.

Step 2: If the patient was screened for all 3 and screened POSITIVE for any, only then look for documentation of appropriate counseling. If counseling was completed, code “yes” to 4290. If counseling was not completed code “no” to 4290.

Step 3: If the patient was not screened for all 3, then answer “no” to 4290.

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- If you have the HICN number say 'yes' to seq 390
- HICN number is considered PHI
- Utilized for CMS linkage for long-term follow-up, this is what allowed the STS to remove the 5-year follow-up field. Please provide the number if at all possible.
- Site may choose not to provide number and leave seq 400 blank
- This will be reported as missing data in your DQR

SeqNo: 390
Long Name: HICN / MBI Known - Primary
Short Name: HICNMBIKnown
Format: Text (categorical values specified by STS)
Definition: Indicate whether patient's HICN or MBI is known for primary

ParentLongName: Commercially Managed Medicare Plan - Primary
ParentShortName: ComMngMedPlnPrim
ParentValue: 2
ParentHarvestCodes: = "No"

Harvest Codes:

<u>Code:</u>	<u>Value:</u>
1	Yes
2	No

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Middle initial is also acceptable, but this field is not required for inclusion.

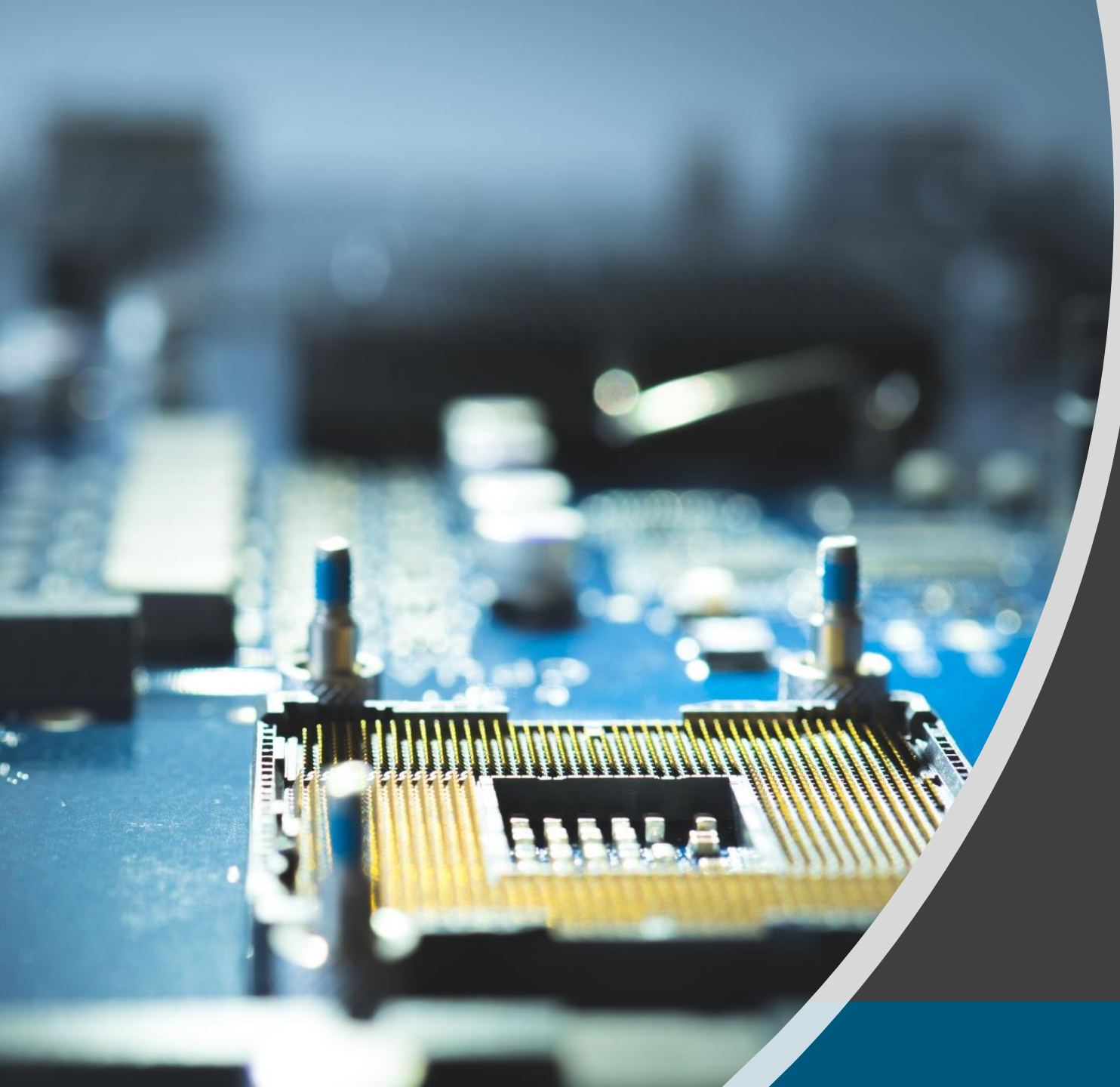
SeqNo: 120

Long Name: Patient Middle Name

Short Name: PatMName

Format: Text

Definition: Indicate the patient's middle name as documented in the medical record.
Leave "blank" if no middle name. This field should be collected in compliance with state/local privacy laws.



IQVIA Review

Joe Brower

Upcoming IQVIA Updates

IQVIA Updates

The items below were deployed to production the weekend of July 31:

Report Enhancements

Risk Adjusted Dashboard Report – Benchmark and Legacy Reports – Post Operative Events Report

- **STS-6719** – The report will display a new entry for the Anastomotic Leak following Esophageal Surgery (PosOpProcAL (SEQ 3350)) results

Risk Adjusted Dashboard Report

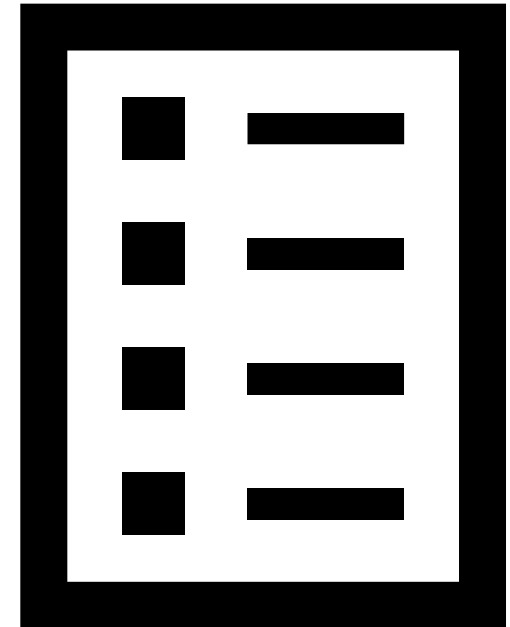
- **STS-6782** – GTSD Participant Performance for Lobectomy Compared to STS and NIS Databases Graph results are not displaying matching results that appear in the tabular report.

Missing Variable Report

- **STS-6270** - GTSD Missing Variable Report - The LFUDATE and LFUMORTSTAT was reported as missing when demographic dataversion was 2.3 or 2.41

GTSD Known Issues and Enhancement Items

**IQVIA has posted the full
list of known issues and
enhancements to the
Library for user reference.**



IQVIA Update

Please note: Submitted tickets are currently under review and the IQVIA support team will follow up on resolution and/or target release confirmation.

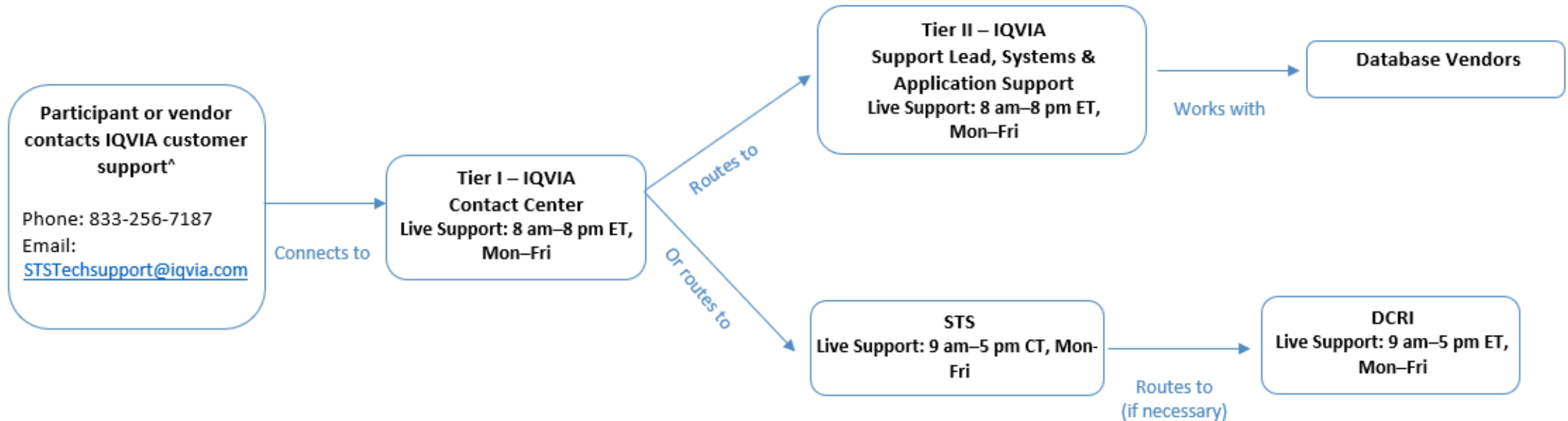
The IQVIA Team is currently reviewing items to be targeted for an upcoming release. Those items will be posted to the Notifications section.

STS/IQVIA Support Plan



IQVIA's Support Plan

****Please include your 5 digit Participant ID**



^ Inquiries received outside live support hours will require a 24-hour turnaround window (i.e., one business day) for responses.

Resources

- [STS National Database Webpage](#)
- STSTechSupport@IQVIA.com (Uploader, DQR, Missing Variable, Dashboard, Password and Login)
- Phone Support: 1-833-256-7187
- [STS National Database Feedback Form](#)
- Resource Documents
 - Contact Information
 - Webinar Information
 - FAQ Document
 - Go-Live Checklist
 - Tiered-level Support Document
 - *Training Videos*
 - *Link to IQVIA*

WHERE

WHAT

WHEN

WHY

HOW

WHO

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Upcoming GTSD Webinars

User Group Call

- August 25 @
2:30pm CT

Monthly Webinar

- September 8
@2:30pm CT



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!