

Society of Thoracic Surgeons

General Thoracic Surgery Database

August 12, 2020



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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- STS Update
- AQO/Education Update
- IQVIA Update
- Q&A - Please submit using the Q&A function





STS Update

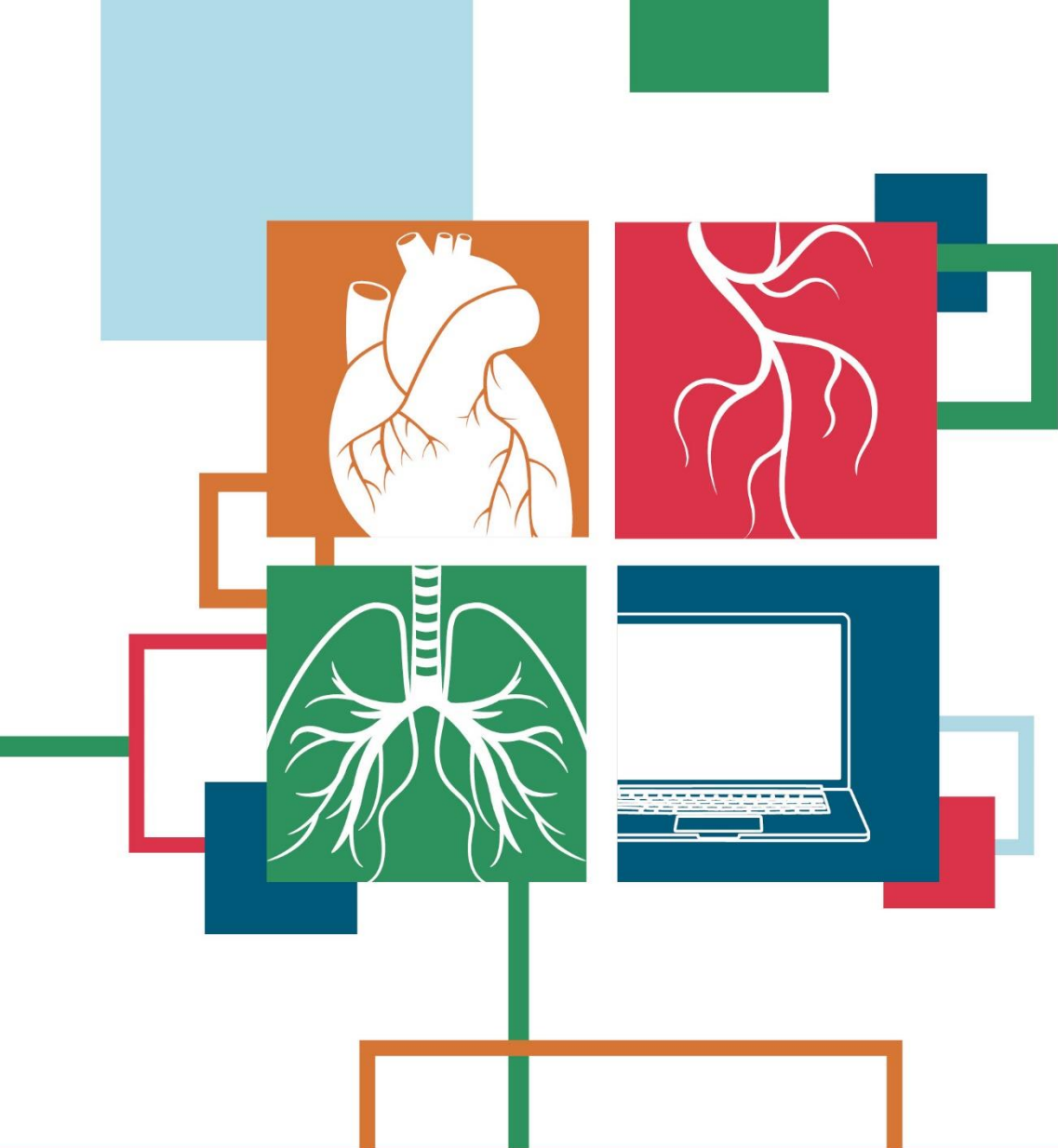
GTSD Spring and Fall 2020 Harvest Update

- Update on Spring 2020 Harvest Analysis
 - Email communication sent to GTSD Community on 8/5
 - Analysis underway and all results will be provided as soon as possible
 - Educational webinars on navigating new dashboard to be provided
- Fall 2020 Harvest Deadline coming next month
 - Submission deadline: Friday, September 18th
 - Opt-Out date: Tuesday, September 22nd

STS Update, cont'd

- GTSD Data Version 5.21 Update
 - STS/IQVIA creating Data Specs
 - Goal is to have specs to vendors by end of August
 - DCF finalized (minor edits/cleanup continues)
 - Create Training Manual
 - 5.21 Upgrade Webinars
- Direct Data Entry
 - Now available for GTSD Participants
 - Email STSDb@STS.ORG for details
- New Data Manager Webinar
 - Was held on 7/30
 - Recording/Slide deck posted





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September 29 – October 2, 2020 ■ VIRTUAL



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**Receive Early Bird
Registration
Pricing through
Monday,
September 7, 2020.**

Pricing

	Member		Non-Member	
	Early Bird	After Sept. 7	Early Bird	After Sept. 7
Tuesday, September 29: Intermacs/Pedimacs	\$75	\$150	\$100	\$200
Wednesday, September 30: General Thoracic	\$75	\$150	\$100	\$200
Thursday, October 1: Adult Cardiac	\$75	\$150	\$100	\$200
Friday, October 2: Congenital	\$75	\$150	\$100	\$200
Multiday or All Days	\$150	\$300	\$200	\$400



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**Abstract
Submission
Deadline
Extended: Friday,
August 14, 2020.**

Click **Submit an
Abstract** on the
STS AQO Website.

Abstract Submission Deadline Extended!

Abstracts are now being accepted for consideration for presentation. Submissions are due on Friday, August 14 by 11:59 p.m. CT. Accepted submissions will be presented as e-posters while a small number also may be selected for oral presentation. Submitted abstracts must use STS National Database fields and participating sites' custom fields to produce results.

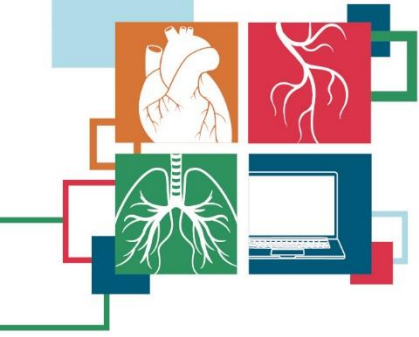
Deadline: Friday, August 14, 2020

[Review the Guidelines](#)

[Submit an Abstract](#)



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On the AQO Webpage you will find the following information:

- Request Justification Letter
- AQO Overall Objectives
- Preliminary Program
- Link to Registration or Mail-In Form
- Link to Abstract Submission

Contact **Emily Conrad** at econrad@sts.org with any Questions.

Continuing Education Credits

STS is partnering with Corexcel to offer Nursing CEs and Perfusion CEUs. The number of available CEs and instructions for claiming credit will be shared closer to the event.

Virtual Platform

AQO will offer both on-demand and live sessions. There will be an opportunity to ask questions through a Q&A function.



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STS Learning Center

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons is launching a new Learning Center in early July!

If you know your STS login credentials and want to access the Thoracic Surgery Curriculum or other content from the former STS Learn CT Surgery site, you can go directly to the new [STS Learning Center](#).

If you are unsure of your STS credentials, please send an email to einnovation@sts.org, providing your name and email address used to access the old site. Your new credentials will be sent to you within 2 business days.

The new STS Learning Center offers improved navigation, functionality, and searchability.

Over the coming months, additional features and activities will be introduced and the interface steadily improved to help ensure the best learner experience possible.



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Webinars

STS offers on-demand webinars on a variety of topics, allowing you to learn new content when it is most convenient for you.

Browse webinars based on the key areas listed below, and be sure to subscribe to the [STS YouTube channel](#) to receive alerts when new webinars are added.

▶ [STS Summer Series](#)

▶ [Cardiothoracic Surgery in the COVID Crisis](#)

▶ [Quality Webinars](#)

▶ [Data Manager Webinars](#)



IQVIA Update

Joe Brower & Melanie Bent



GTSD Release Items – August 2020

The IQVIA platform was upgraded from version 1.30 to version 1.31.

The below items were released August 2, 2020.

- STS-3219 – Harvest Summary Report showing race not documented for earlier demogversions
- STS-3032 – GTSD Missing Variable Report – the percentage displays as a grey box with no percent value and total case count does not appear
- STS-3313 – Onscreen guidance added for GTSD Direct Data Entry Users on the Uploader Interface
- STS-3347 – GTSD Direct Data Entry - Errors persisted in the Operative tab even after a response was provided



Upcoming Release – September 2020

The following items are targeted for release on September 12, 2020.

Missing Variable Report

- STS-2411 – GTSD Missing Variable Report – Patient Middle name should not be reported as missing per data spec guidance
- STS-2993 - MVR displaying variables from previous version of form

Data Quality Report

- STS-3366 - CategorySecond triggering as an error for v2.3 records, when it was not required (updating the logic to handle identified scenario)



Issues Currently Under Review

The following items are currently under review.

Missing Variable Report

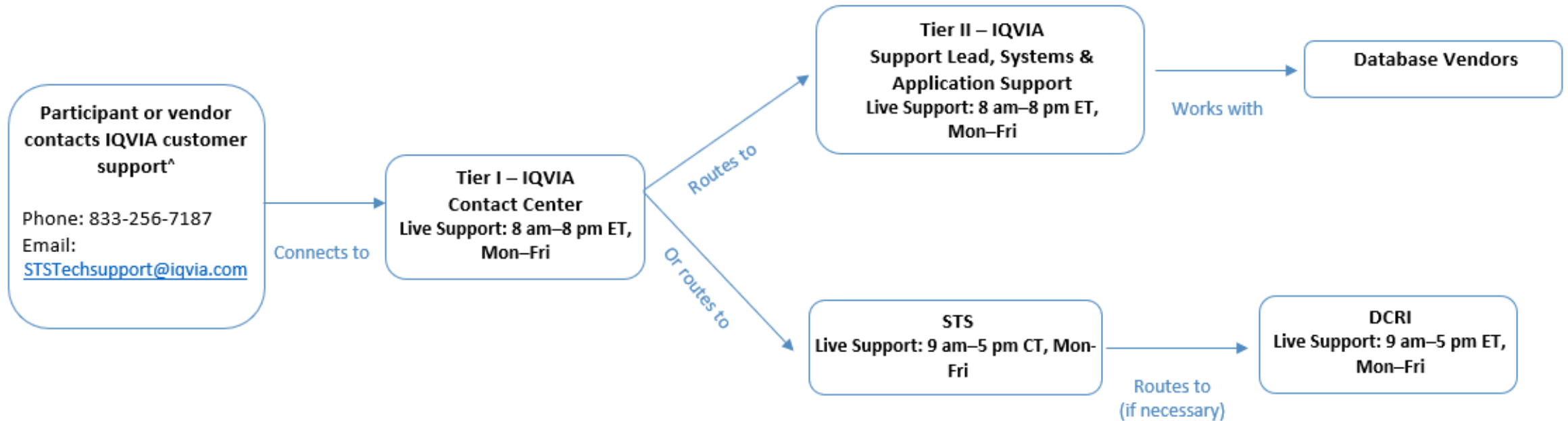
- STS-3656 (duplicate of STS-3624) – MVR including data elements that are not required – CLINSTAGESOPHEBUS, CLINSTAGESOPHMEDIA
- STS-3645 – GTSD MVR Several variables are identified as missing (further review of the .dat file for specific site/this is not impacting all sites)



STS/IQVIA Support Plan



IQVIA's Support Plan



^ 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*

Contact Information

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 - 312-202-5822
- Database Operational Questions
 - STSDB@sts.org



Next GTSD Webinars

User Group Webinar

- August 26 @ 2:30 Central

Monthly Webinar

- September 9 @ 1:30pm 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!