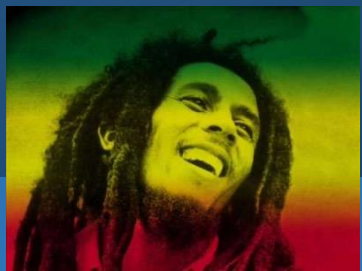# Society of Thoracic Surgeons

General Thoracic Surgery Database
User Group Call

July 28, 2021

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GTSD User Group Call

- Welcome and Introductions

- STS Update

- 5.21.1 Training Manual

- IQVIA Update

- User Feedback
  - Include Ticket Number/Case Number

General Thoracic

- Spring 2021 Harvest Closed **Friday, July 23**

- Spring 2021 Out out period ended **Tuesday, July 27**

- Fall 2021 Harvest scheduled to close **Friday, August 27**

- Fall 2021 Opt Out period ends **Tuesday, August 31**

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

STS Updates

- **AQO 2021 - Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting**
  - **Registration Opens Thursday, July 29th**
  - Virtual this year – October 12-15
  - General Thoracic session will be on Wednesday, October 13th
  - Free registration
  - Must be listed as a contact on your site's Participation Agreement
  - What Data Manager's Want to Know Session
    - Is there a question you'd like to be addressed by our panel?
    - Email questions to ljones@sts.org by September 15th

Data Version 5.21.1

COLLECT & CAPTURE

- **Data Version 5.21.1**
  - Surgery dates of July 1, 2021 forward must be entered in v5.21.1
  - Upgrade webinars
  - All upgrade webinars were recorded and posted on STS webinars page
    - https://www.sts.org/registries/sts-national-database/sts-national-database-webinars
  - 5.21 Data Collection form posted on the STS website
    - Training Manual (posted 7/27)
    - Data Specifications
    - Software Specifications
    - Itemized Changes from 2.41 to 5.21.
    - Change Summary 5.21

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Surgeon Leaders

Dr. Felix Fernandez

Dr. Benjamin Kozower

Dr. Chris Seder

Dr. David Wormuth

Core Group Members
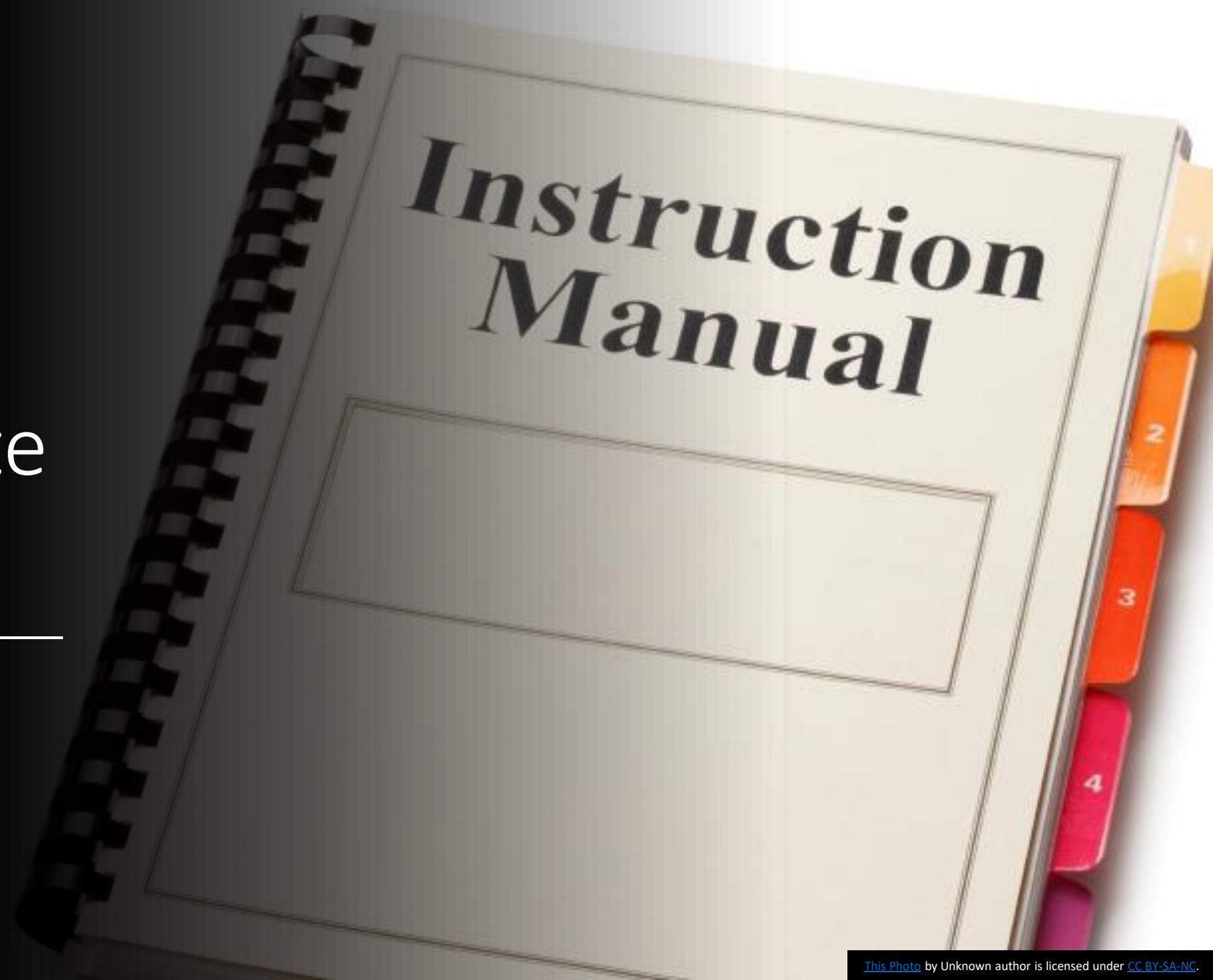
Carole Krohn

Melissa Clark

Katie Finely

Katie Lothrop

Ruth Raleigh

Training Manual Update Process

Ruth Raleigh – GTSD Consultant

Alignment Across Databases

- ACSD/GTSD/Congenital now follow the same process for FAQ's and training manual updates.

▼ Version 4.20

Effective date July 1, 2020

Training Manual - *Updated July 2021*

- Training Manual

- FAQ Summary - July 2021

Addition of an FAQ Summary to GTSD

The summary is updated monthly and is a listing of all FAQ's by month.

Font color in the new training manual

- Green font is from a previous month. Red font is the most recent month updated. Blue font is often a hyperlink to an additional resource.

Procedure Inclusion – All procedures must include a surgeon that is listed in the participation agreement with the STS. Please refer to the Procedure Inclusion Guide on the website. This is not an all-inclusive list of procedures to be included and optional cases are to be added at the discretion of the Participating Surgeon. If you have a procedure that you are uncertain as to whether it should go into the manual, please send in a question to the FAQ Mailbox. **Update Dec 2020 – Cancelled or Aborted cases without any procedure performed are not entered into V 4.2.**
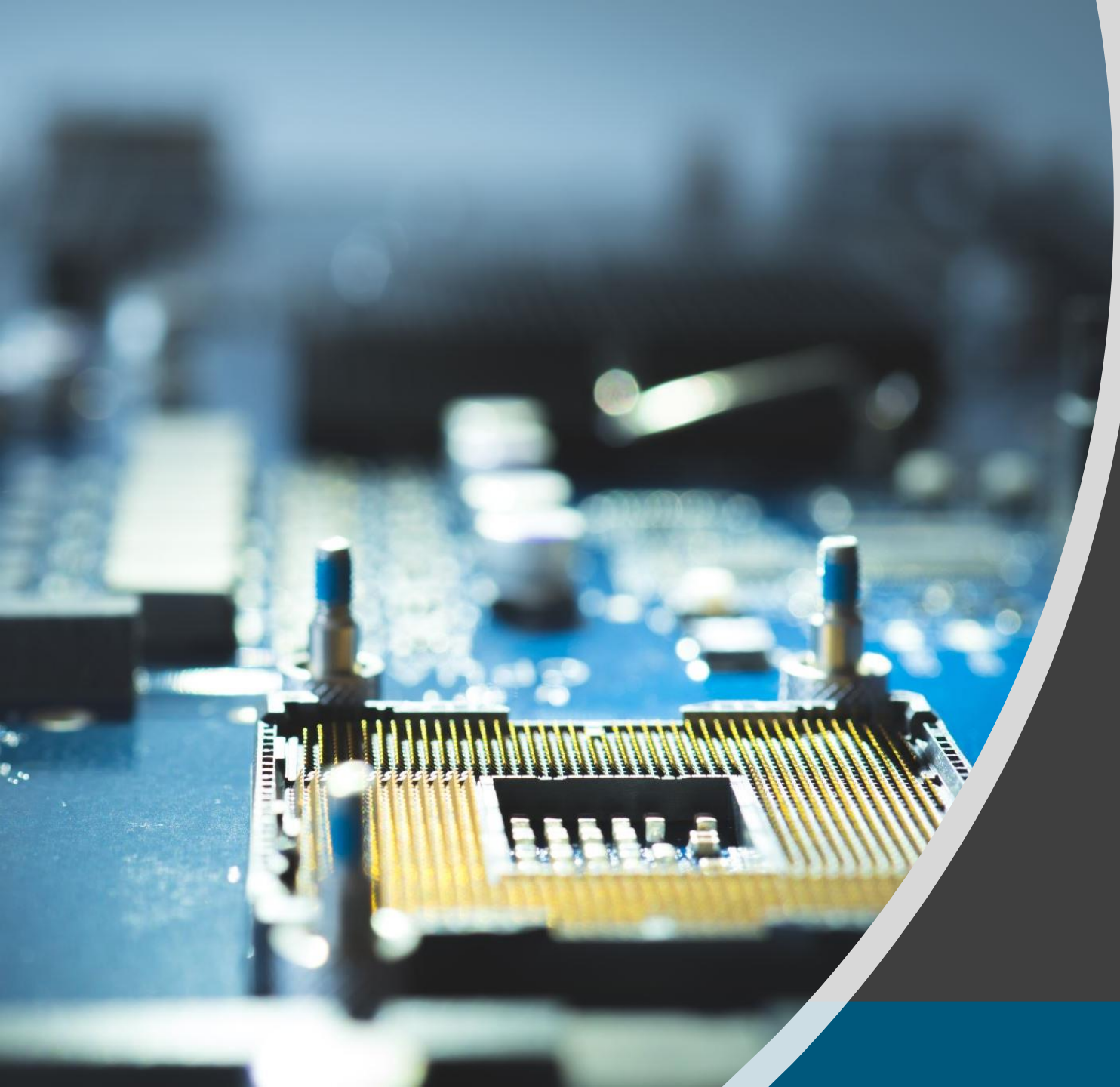
Spirometry results that have not been interpreted by a pulmonologist may be used to quantify chronic lung disease.

Time Frame: Do not use values obtained more than 12 months prior to the date of surgery. **Update July 2021 – Code the study closest and prior to OR Entry.**

- Questions will no longer be distributed – only clarification provided.
- Not all questions submitted will be included with FAQ's – for example answers to specific clinical scenarios are not likely to be included.
- If you have a question about a procedure performed or whether a case must be submitted, please include the operative note and pathology report (if applicable)

IQVIA Review
Joe Brower

IQVIA Previous Updates

IQVIA Updates

The item below was released to production the weekend of June 26:

**Report Enhancement

Risk Adjusted Dashboard Report – Opt-Out Feature Enabled

- **STS-6841 –** Users who opt out of receiving a risk adjusted report will no longer have an option to view the reporting date range for the results for the opted-out harvest. Functionality has been added to the report parameter page where the reporting period will be hidden from sites who submit an opt-out request to STS.

Upcoming IQVIA Updates

IQVIA Updates

The item is targeted to be released the weekend of July 31:

Report Enhancement

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

IQVIA Updates

IQVIA GTSD Known Issues

Items below are targeted to be released the weekend of July 31.

Missing Variable Report

- **STS-6270 -** GTSD Missing Variable Report - The LFUDATE and LFUMORTSTAT are being reported as missing.

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.

IQVIA Updates

IQVIA GTSD Known Issues and Enhancements

The list will be posted to the Library for user reference on Monday, August 2, 2021.

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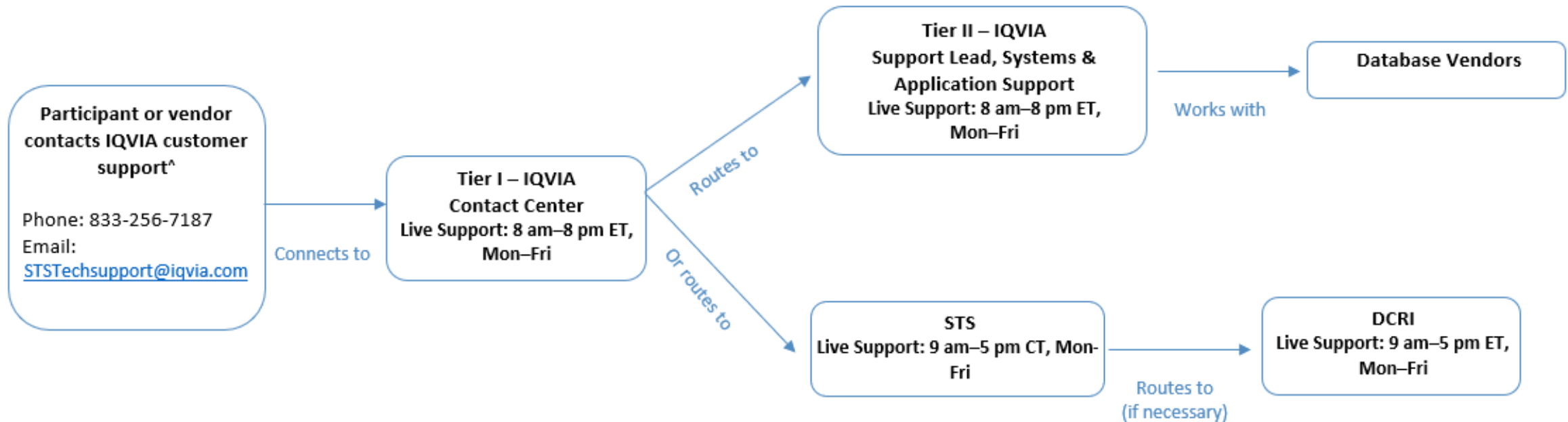
The IQVIA Team is currently reviewing items that will be targeted for an upcoming release. Those items will be posted to the Notifications section.

STS/IQVIA Support Plan

IQVIA's Support Plan

Participant or vendor contacts IQVIA customer support^

Phone: 833-256-7187
Email:
STSTechsupport@iqvia.com

Connects to

Tier I – IQVIA Contact Center
Live Support: 8 am–8 pm ET, Mon–Fri

Routes to

Or routes to

Tier II – IQVIA Support Lead, Systems & Application Support
Live Support: 8 am–8 pm ET, Mon–Fri

Works with

Database Vendors

STS
Live Support: 9 am–5 pm CT, Mon-Fri

Routes to (if necessary)

DCRI
Live Support: 9 am–5 pm ET, Mon–Fri

^ 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

- **Leigh Ann Jones, STS National Database Manager, Congenital and General Thoracic**
  - **Ljones@sts.org**
  - **312-202-5822**
- **Database Operational Questions**
  - **STSDB@sts.org**

Upcoming GTSD Webinars

Monthly Webinar

- August 11 @ 2:30pm CT

User Group Call

- August 25 @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!