Society of Thoracic Surgeons

General Thoracic Surgery Database
User Group Call

August 25, 2021

GTSD User Group Call

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

General Thoracic

- August Training Manual Posted
- 2020 Analyses Re-run results expected early September
- Spring 2021 Harvest sent to DCRI for analysis
- Fall 2021 Harvest scheduled to close **Friday, September 24**
  - **Includes OR dates up through 6/30/2021**
- Fall 2021 Opt Out period ends **Tuesday, September 28**

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 is open!

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

Data Version 5.21.1

- **On Save Quality Checks Update**
    - Participants were not able to save incomplete records
    - Severely hampered workflow
    - Will be changed to run when the user requests a data export for submission
    - If missing one or more of the required fields, the export file will stop and no export file will be created
    - Encouraged vendors to provide a message that would provide the user with the record identifiers and the fields that triggered the edit check.
- Parent /Child Relationship Change
    - Removing the parent from the Mortality Date variable (Seq. 4300)
    - If patient has more than one operation, could be conflicting parent values for the child.
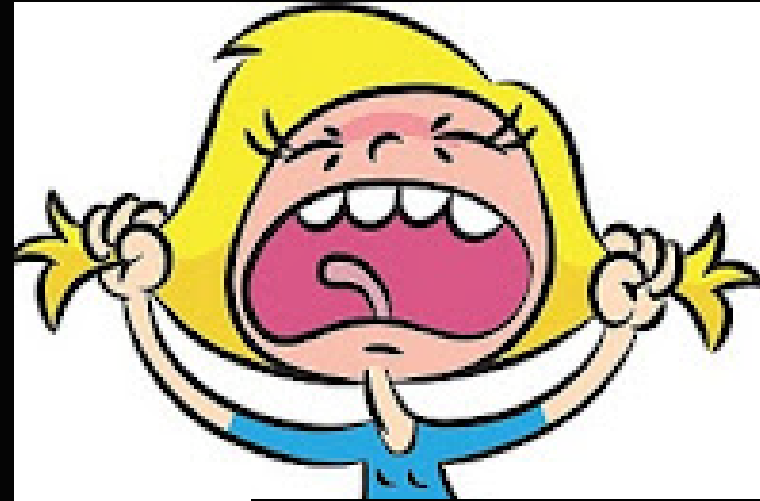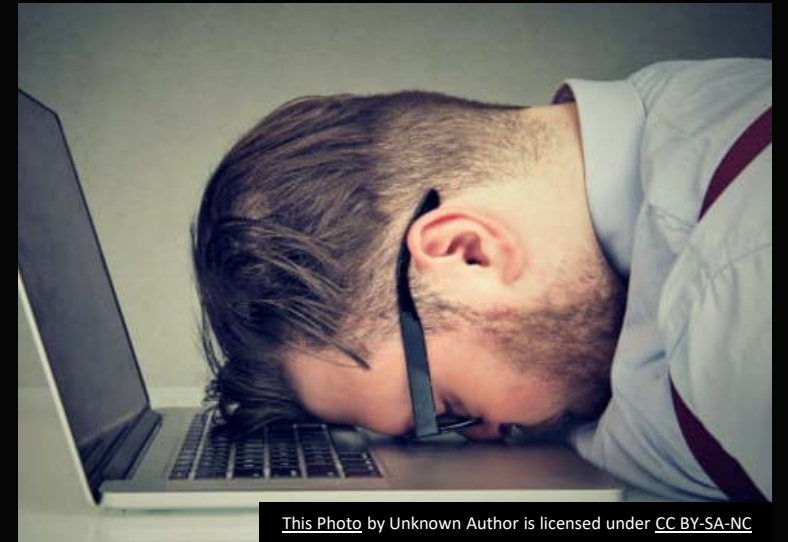
Training Manual

Ruth Raleigh – GTSD Consultant
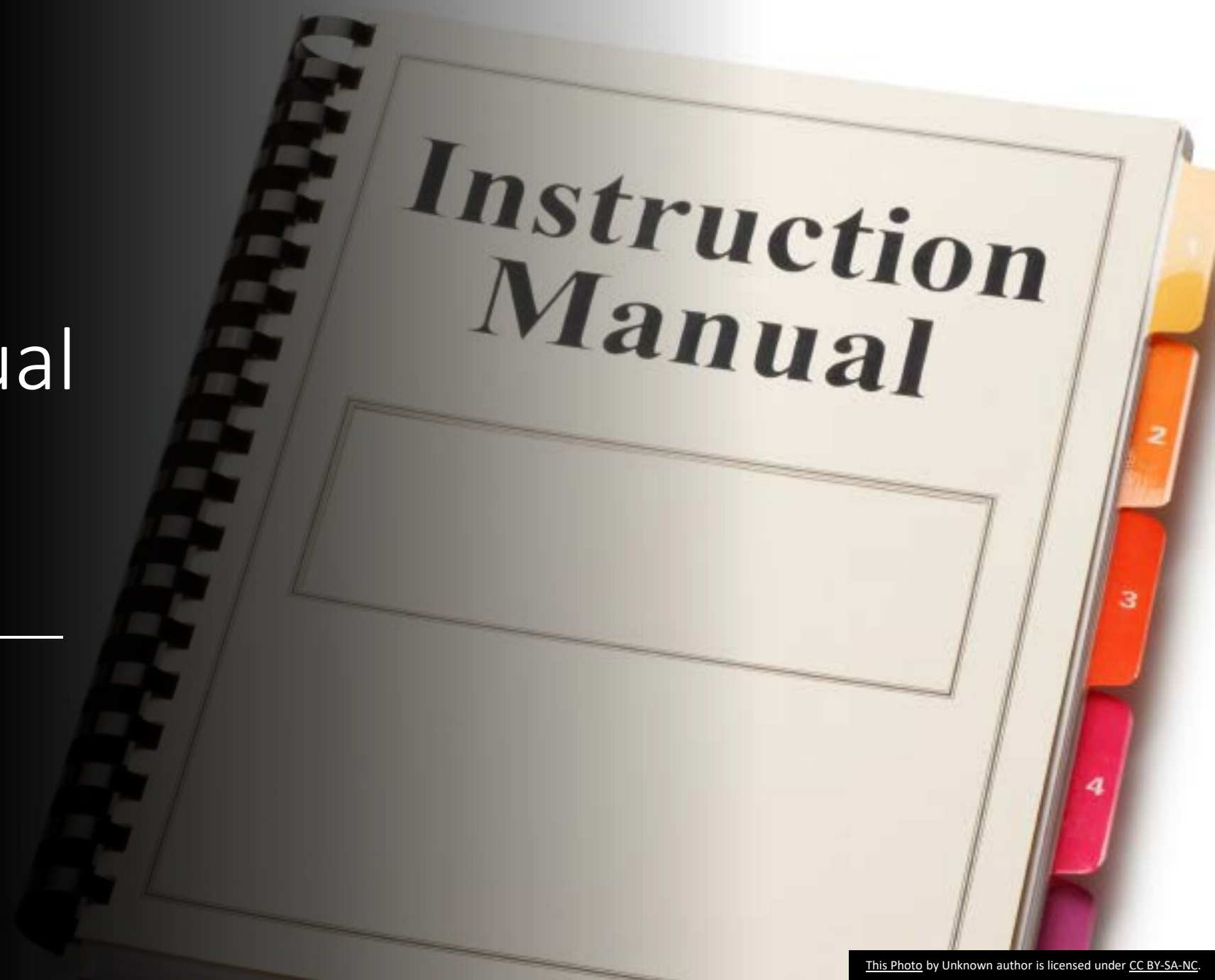
Addition of an FAQ Summary to GTSD
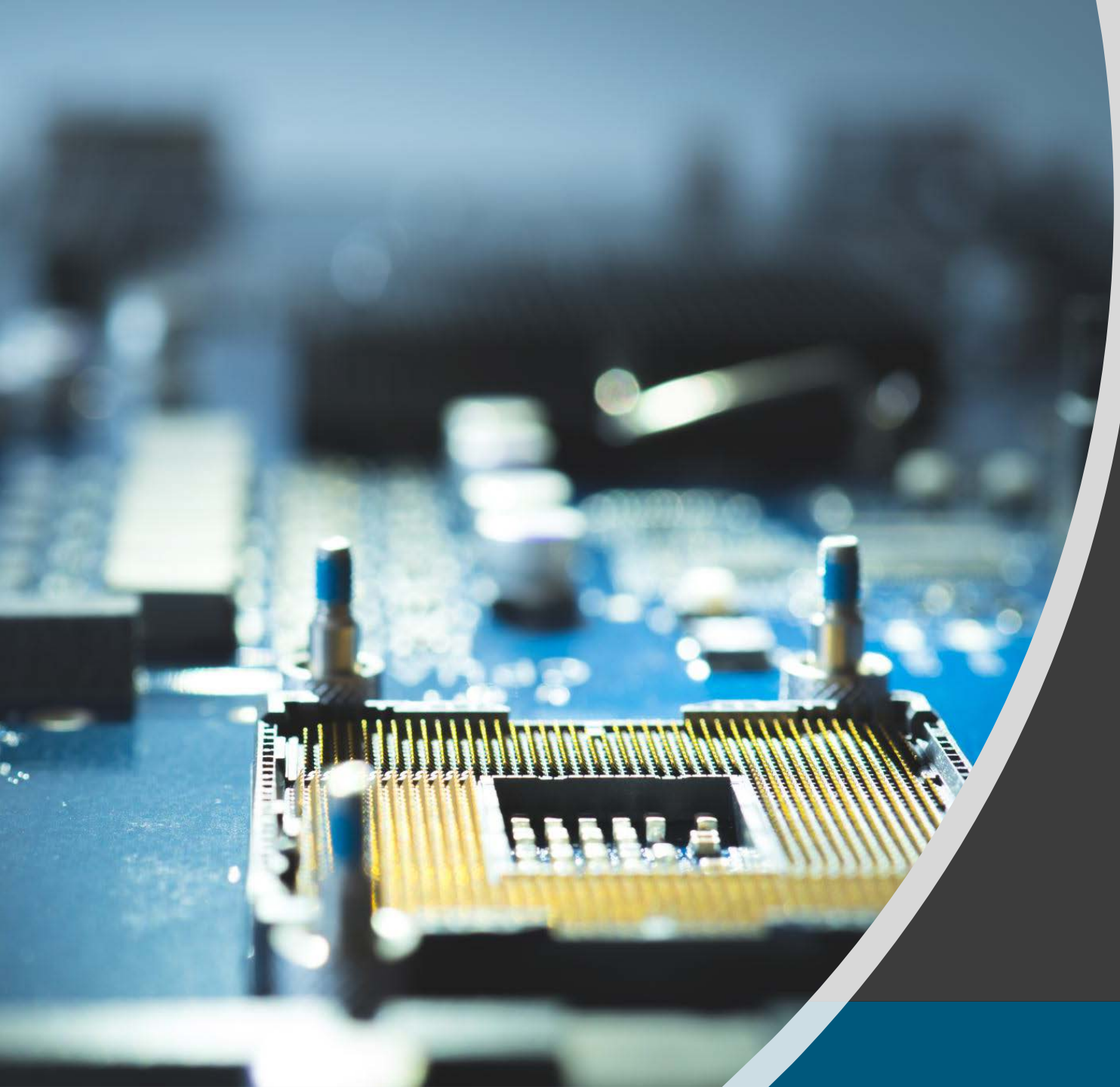
The summary is updated monthly and is a listing of all FAQ's by month.

▼ Version 5.21.1

Training Manual - *Updated August 2021*

- [Training Manual](#)

- [FAQ Summary - August 2021](#)

IQVIA Review
Joe Brower

IQVIA Known Issues

The items below are currently under review by the IQVIA development team and will be targeted for a future release.

Release Timing: TBD

Risk Adjusted Dashboard Report

Number of Operations and Mortality – Operative Mortality – Number of Mortalities

- **STS-6921** – The report is currently displaying a mismatch in the number of records that appear in the patient drill down
- **STS-6927** – Mean Length of Stay for STS database is displaying an extreme time period

Participant Dashboard Report

- **STS-6995** – Participant Dashboard Report displays different percentages when exported to Excel

Missing Variable Report

- **STS-7050 -** GTSD Missing Variable Report - The LFUDATE and LFUMORTSTAT was reported as missing when the record is associated with an earlier demographic data version (2.2, 2.081, 2.07, 2.06)
- **STS-7100** – GTSD Missing Variable Report – The report in flagging the Racemulti field as missing within the 5.21.1 data version

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Direct Data Entry

> **STS-7157** – DDE – Request to reduce the number of critical errors for direct data entry users. (Currently under review with STS)

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.
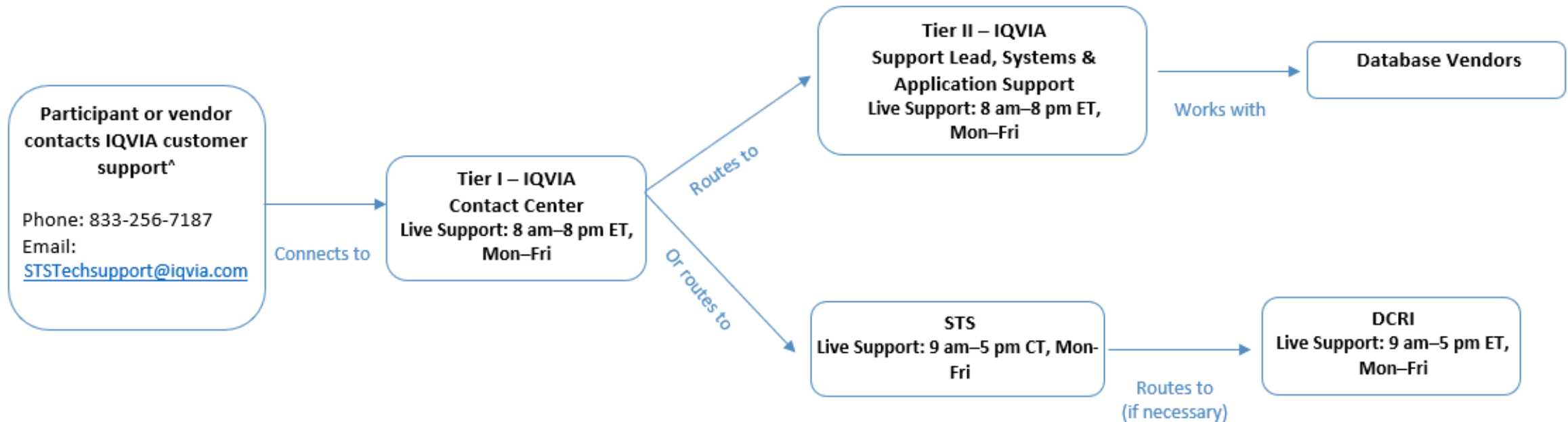
STS/IQVIA Support Plan

IQVIA's Support Plan

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

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- **312-202-5822**

Database Operational Questions

- **STSDB@sts.org**

Upcoming GTSD Webinars

Monthly Webinar
- September 8 @ 2:30pm CT

User Group Call
- September 22 @ 2:30pm CT

New Data Manager Webinar
- September 29 @ 2pm 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!