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## Access Database Transition Resources, Webinars

In order to help make the transition to the new database platform as seamless as possible, the Society has a number of resources for you to use. You can join webinars to learn about Database updates and participate in GTSD user group sessions. View the [STS National Database Webinars page](#) for the complete webinar schedule. How-to videos, uploader instructions, and FAQs are available on the [Database Transition Resources page](#) of the STS website.

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## Download Database Harvest Reports by March 31

The Society strongly recommends that all STS National Database participants download their past harvest reports from the [DCRI Report Portal](#) before it closes on Tuesday, March 31. With the transition to IQVIA as the data warehouse for the Database, PDF reports generated by DCRI will not be accessible after the portal closes. Please note that only primary data and file contacts, as well as national report recipients, are able to access the portal. If you encounter login issues, please contact DCRI at [STSThoracicDB@dm.duke.edu](mailto:STSThoracicDB@dm.duke.edu).

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## Site Audits Begin Soon

STS National Database audits are designed to complement internal quality controls by examining the accuracy, consistency, and completeness of the data collected within the Database. Ten percent of participating sites will be selected at random for an independent audit and notified soon. Logistics pertaining to the audit will be sent at a later date to the affected sites.

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## Data Collection Updates

The latest training manual (v2.41) published on the [GTSD Data Collection page](#) was revised in March and contains important information to help with data abstraction. Updates are posted at the beginning of each month. (Note: The updates are shown as bookmarks and are easily seen using Internet Explorer. If you prefer to use Google Chrome or another browser, you may have to download the PDF and open the bookmarks manually in Adobe Acrobat.) Version 5.21.1 Data Collection Forms are expected to be available January 1, 2021.

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## Save the Date

The [2020 Advances in Quality & Outcomes \(AQO\) Meeting](#) is scheduled for Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 in Providence, Rhode Island. Data managers and STS National Database participants are encouraged to begin thinking about quality improvement projects that can be completed over the next few months so that the results can be submitted as abstracts. Abstract submission will begin soon. If you are interested in being a presenter or helping plan AQO, please contact Emily Conrad at [econrad@sts.org](mailto:econrad@sts.org).



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