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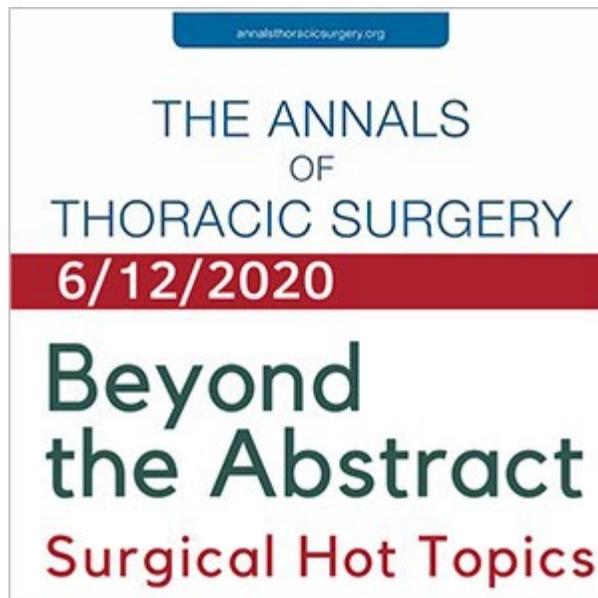
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Listen to Podcast on Intermacs Annual Report

The latest episode of “Beyond the Abstract” focuses on the “[STS Intermacs 2019 Annual Report: The Changing Landscape of Devices and Indications](#).” Dr. Tom Varghese, deputy editor for digital media and digital scholarship for *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, talks to author Dr. Frank Pagani about the decrease in patients listed for a transplant when they received a continuous-flow left ventricular assist device, the introduction of new technologies, and comparisons of existing technologies. [Listen to the podcast](#) on the STS website or on the Society’s Surgical Hot Topics channel via your favorite podcast app.



Review New Pump Change Form

The Pedimacs component of the STS Intermacs Database will release a new "[Pump Change](#)" form. This form is intended to capture the *exchange of extracorporeal/paracorporeal pumps and pump components* and should be used ONLY for that purpose. It does not replace the explant form, which should be used when a component/pump is exchanged in the surgery suite and/or the pump is exchanged with a different device brand. The new form will be discussed during the next monthly user group call on **Wednesday, June 24**.

Live Webinars

View a full schedule of upcoming database webinars and call-in information on the [STS National Database Webinars page](#). Registration is not required for the webinars, but you will need to sign in with your name and email address to participate. The webinars will be recorded and available online within 48 hours. Submit questions prior to the Quarterly Report Webinar in July through the [online form](#).

Enter Data by June 30 for Q2 Reports

Please make sure to enter all implants by June 30 so that they are included in the Q2 [data quality and quality assurance reports](#), which will be distributed by September 30. When the Q1 reports are released June 30, you will notice a new exhibit, which compares the percentage of patients experiencing a specific adverse event type in your center with national Intermacs benchmarks.

Interactive Patient Summaries Launch This Month

The interactive patient management tool will allow users to generate a summarized visit report on a single patient or compare select variables for each patient. The variables will include VAS Score, Creatinine, LDH, PROs,

and the 6-Minute Walk Test. This feature will be available for all users.

Save the Date

The [2020 Advances in Quality & Outcomes \(AQO\) Meeting](#) will be held virtually this year. More information, including details on abstract submission, will be available soon. Data managers and STS National Database participants are encouraged to finalize abstracts because submission will open soon. If you are interested in being a presenter or helping plan AQO, please contact Emily Conrad at econrad@sts.org. The meeting will be held September 29-October 2 with dedicated days for each registry.

- **Tuesday, September 29 – Intermacs/Pedimacs**
- Wednesday, September 30 – General Thoracic
- Thursday, October 1 – Adult Cardiac
- Friday, October 2 – Congenital



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