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PUF Application

PLEASE NOTE:

Your PUF Application must be completed in one session. Partially completed applications will not be saved in the system; if you close your browser before submitting your PUF Application, your work will be lost.

Before you begin, please review the PUF Application (PDF) and gather the required information and files. Some of the items you will need include:

- 1) STS National Database Participant ID#;
- 2) Principal Investigator contact information and biosketch;
- 3) Study Statistician information and biosketch;
- 4) File identifying any Co-Investigators and providing their contact information;
- 5) Document setting forth your Research Plan; and
- 6) Document listing each Database variable requested.

A \$500 application fee is required to process your PUF request. You will be directed to the payment site after submitting your completed application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Project Title: *

Investigative Team

[Principal Investigator](#)

First Name: *

Middle Initial/Name:

Last Name: *

Degree (e.g., MD, PhD):

Title:

STS National Database Participant ID#: *

(Applicable Surgeon or Hospital Participant ID#)

Institution: *

Address 1: *

Address 2:

City: *

State: *

Zip Code: *

Business Phone: *

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

PI E-mail: *

Confirm PI E-mail: *

Contact Person:

(Enter full name for preferred contact if other than PI)

Contact Phone:

Contact E-mail:

Confirm Contact E-mail:

PI Biosketch Upload (2 pages - NIH format preferred): *

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Study Statistician¹

First Name: *

Middle Initial/Name:

Last Name: *

Degree (e.g., PhD, ScD, MS, MPH): *

Title:

Institution: *

Statistician Biosketch Upload (2 pages - NIH format preferred): *

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[Other Investigators](#)

Co-Investigators: *

Yes (upload file with co-investigator info: full name, degree, institution, contact details)

None

Co-Investigators List Upload:

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¹ A PhD level study statistician is typically required by STS for PUF requests, unless otherwise authorized by the PUF Task Force.

PUF Research Project Information

Which Database would you like to query?: *

Adult Cardiac Surgery Database (Available Fourth Quarter 2016)

General Thoracic Surgery Database (Available First Quarter 2017)

Congenital Heart Surgery Database (Available Second Quarter 2017)

Data Requested - Start Date: *

Month Day Year

Data Requested - End Date: *

Month Day Year

Investigators must provide a full list of requested data fields based on the applicable STS National Database - Data Collection Form (Adult Cardiac Surgery Database, General Thoracic Surgery Database, or Congenital Heart Surgery Database).

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PUF Research Study Plan

All applications must be accompanied by a concise, informative Research Plan that will be reviewed by the STS Research Center staff, the PUF Task Force and the assigned primary reviewers. The Research Plan should generally adhere to the following format:

Research Plan (5-6 pages)

1. Study Background
 2. Overview - Hypothesis/Aim
 3. Study Plan/Approach
 - 3.1 Study Patients
 - 3.1.1 Study Inclusion Criteria
 - 3.1.2 Study Exclusion Criteria
 - 3.2 Statistical Methods
 - 3.3 Timetable for Executing the Study²
 - 3.4 Dissemination Plans³
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²A 3- to 6-month suggested timeline is recommended for completion of PUF analyses, depending on scope and complexity. If a PUF analysis is not completed within 6 months, then the PUF Task Force may approve a similar or closely related PUF proposal submitted by other investigators.

³STS strongly suggests that the investigators target the STS Annual Meeting and *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* as the meeting and publication forums, respectively, for dissemination of PUF-based research. If PUF research output is presented at the STS Annual Meeting, then the STS Board of Directors or Executive Committee may waive the requirement that it be published in *The Annals* in exceptional circumstances.

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