STS ADULT CARDIAC, GENERAL THORACIC AND CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY DATABASE
PARTICIPANT ROLES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Note: A valid email address, mailing address, and phone number are required for all roles. If you wish to move from vendor-based participation to the direct data entry option, please contact the STS National Database team at stsdb@sts.org. Direct data entry roles are not available in the Webform version of the participant contact form.

Surgeon Representative
- Defined as the lead surgeon whose data will be submitted to the STS National Database. The Surgeon Representative signs the Participant Agreement on behalf of the Surgeon Participant(s).
- Granted read-only access to the IQVIA platform.
- Only one physician per database participant can be assigned the role of Surgeon Representative.
- Must sign a Schedule A form.

Participant Surgeon
- Defined as a participating surgeon whose data will be submitted to the STS National Database.
- Granted read-only access to the IQVIA platform.
- With the exception of the surgeon representative, all surgeons are to be identified on the contact form as "Participant Surgeon."
- Must sign a Schedule A form.

Anesthesiologist Representative
- Defined as the lead anesthesiologist whose data will be submitted to the STS National Database. The Anesthesiologist Representative signs the Participant Agreement on behalf of the Anesthesiologist Participant(s).
- Granted read-only access to the IQVIA platform.
- Only one physician per database participant can be assigned the role of Anesthesiologist Representative.
- Must sign a Schedule B form.

Anesthesiologist
- Defined as a participating anesthesiologist whose data will be submitted to the STS National Database.
- Granted read-only access to the IQVIA platform.
- With the exception of the anesthesiologist representative, all anesthesiologists are to be identified on the contact form as "Anesthesiologist."
- Must sign a Schedule B form.

Primary Data and File Contact
- Defined as a primary data manager for participants that submit data to the Database using an

STS-certified software vendor.

- Receives all communications including matters related to STS National Database data submissions, general announcements, and billing.
- Granted read/write access to the IQVIA platform with the ability to upload data files.
- Only one individual per database participant can be assigned the role of Primary Data and File Contact.

Primary Direct Data Entry Contact (New Role as of July 1, 2020)

- Defined as a primary data manager for participants that submit data to the Database using the direct data entry option.
- Receives all communications including matters related to STS National Database data submissions, general announcements, and billing.
- Granted read/write access to the platform with the ability to enter data.
    o Has access to the Data Download Report.
- Only one individual per database participant can be assigned the role of Primary Direct Data Entry Contact.

Backup Data and File Contact

- Defined as a backup data manager for participants that submit data to the Database using an STS-certified software vendor.
- Assists the Primary Data and File Contact with matters related to data submissions to the STS National Database.
- Receives communications related to STS National Database data submissions and general announcements.
- Granted read/write access to the IQVIA platform with the ability to upload data files.
- Database participants may have more than one Backup Data and File Contact.

Backup Direct Data Entry Contact (New Role as of July 1, 2020)

- Defined as a backup data manager for participants that submit data to the Database using the direct data entry option.
- Assists the Primary Direct Data Entry Contact with matters related to data submissions to the STS National Database.
- Receives communications related to STS National Database data submissions and general announcements.
- Granted read/write access to the platform with the ability to enter data.
    o Does not have access to the Data Download Report.
- Database participants may have more than one Backup Direct Data Entry Contact.

Data Quality Report Recipient

- Defined as a non-data manager staff who require access to the IQVIA platform.
- Granted read-only access to the IQVIA platform.
- Database participants may have more than one Data Quality Report Recipient.

National Report Recipient
- While this role is still valid, it was primarily used by the previous data warehouse of the STS National Database. National Report Recipients have the same level of access to the IQVIA platform as Data Quality Report Recipients.
- If applicable, granted read-only access to Umbrella Reports.

Billing Contact
- Defined as the individual to be invoiced for the STS National Database participation fees.
- Not granted access to the IQVIA platform.

Billing Contact – Anesthesiologist Participant
- Defined as the individual to be invoiced for the STS National Database Anesthesiology Component fees, if applicable.
- Not granted access to the IQVIA platform.

Contract Contact
- Defined as the individual with whom STS addresses contractual matters.
- Not granted access to the IQVIA platform.

Participant Generated Software (PGS) Developer
- Defined as the programmer responsible for developing the facility's software, should the facility opt out of choosing an STS certified participant software vendor.
- Not granted access to the IQVIA platform.

Participant Generated Software (PGS) Billing Contact
- Defined as the individual to be invoiced for the PGS fees outlined on the PGS Developer Agreement.
- Not granted access to the IQVIA platform.