

Society of Thoracic Surgeons

General Thoracic
User Group Call

April 22, 2020



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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Call Overview
- STS Updates
- IQVIA Updates
- User Feedback
 - Include Ticket Number/Case Number



STS Updates

- AQO 2020 – GOING VIRUTAL
- May Training Manual updates in progress
- GTSD v5.21
 - GTSD Task Force finalizing updates to Complications
 - DCF Beta Testing with Core Group planned to start within the next couple of weeks
 - Go-live is planned for January 1, 2021



Covid-19 Update



C. Pre-Operative Evaluation

Did the patient have a laboratory confirmed diagnosis of Covid-19?

~~TempCode (4080)~~

- ☐ No (Harvest Code 10)
- ☐ Yes, prior to hospitalization for this surgery (Harvest Code 11)
- ☐ Yes, in hospital prior to surgery (Harvest Code 12)
- ☐ Yes, in hospital after surgery (Harvest Code 13)
- ☐ Yes, after discharge within 30 days of surgery (Harvest Code 14)

STS Temporary Fields

☒ Temporary Yes/No Field #1

☐ Temporary Yes/No Field #2

Temporary Date Field:

~~4/14/2020~~

Temporary Coded Field:

10

Temporary Text Field:

~~Covid19~~

? Temporary Yes/No Field #1 (4050: TempYN1) ~~Unspecified~~

? Temporary Yes/No Field #2 (4060: TempYN2) ~~Unspecified~~

? Temporary Date Field (4070: TempDt)

? Temporary Coded Field (4080: TempCode) ~~-- Unspecified~~

? Temporary Text Field (4090: TempText)



Coronavirus Strands

THIS IS THE ONLY STRAND TO
BE COLLECTED FOR THE STS
DATABASES



Common Strands

- 229E (alpha coronavirus)
- NL63 (alpha coronavirus)
- OC43 (beta coronavirus)
- HKU1 (beta coronavirus)

Other Human Strands

- MERS-CoV (the beta coronavirus that causes Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, MERS)
- SARS-CoV (the beta coronavirus that causes Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, SARS)
- SARS-CoV-2 (the novel coronavirus that causes Covid-19)

Code NO

- Patients who are not tested
- Patients who are tested for Covid-19 and that test is negative

Code YES

- Patients who test positive for Covid-19
 - Prior to hospitalization for this surgery
 - In hospital, prior to surgery
 - In hospital, after surgery
 - After discharge, within 30 days of surgery
- Patients who report they tested positive for Covid-19 after discharge within 30 days of surgery. Verify that the test was specific to Covid-19.
- If the patient was tested within 30 days but the result comes back after 30 days, still code this as within 30 days.

Covid-19 Data Collection



What about PFT's?

Pulmonary Function Tests Performed? PFT Seq (910)

- Required field for record inclusion
- More difficult to obtain during present times
 - Labs closed
 - Testing not being conducted to minimize exposure
- STS Surgeon Leadership aware of this issue
 - Programs will NOT be penalized for NOT collecting PFT's during this challenging time

Current Status Update



IQVIA Status

- 1.9.0.1 Patch Release deployed 4/18/2020 to correct reported data field mapping issue. Users encountered critical errors with the following fields:
 - herniatype
 - herniasize
 - herniareopapp
 - herniarepstat
 - fundoplicatetype
 - Imageperform
- Identified sites were notified directly and advised to re-upload files attempted after April 4, 2020.
- If you encountered this issue and were not notified please re-upload files that were attempted after April 4, 2020.



IQVIA Status

- Primary Uploader Reported Issues
 - Reports of records being dropped during the upload process (i.e. 20 of 21 records and no feedback is provided)
 - Issue is not occurring for all users
 - The examples vary with this issue –if encountered please contact the support team to provide your specific example
 - File Structure Errors
 - Issue is file specific – various items cause this error to display
 - Reviewing solution to enhance the feedback provided to end users to indicate the cause of the file structure response



IQVIA Status

- DQR Validation Checks
 - Ongoing review and corrections/updates planned for future application upgrade
- GTSD MVR Report Corrections
 - Ongoing review and corrections/updates planned for future application upgrade
- GTSD Dashboard Calculation Corrections
 - Ongoing review and updates planned for future application upgrade
- STS ID's will be listed within the Notifications section after the upgrade is completed.

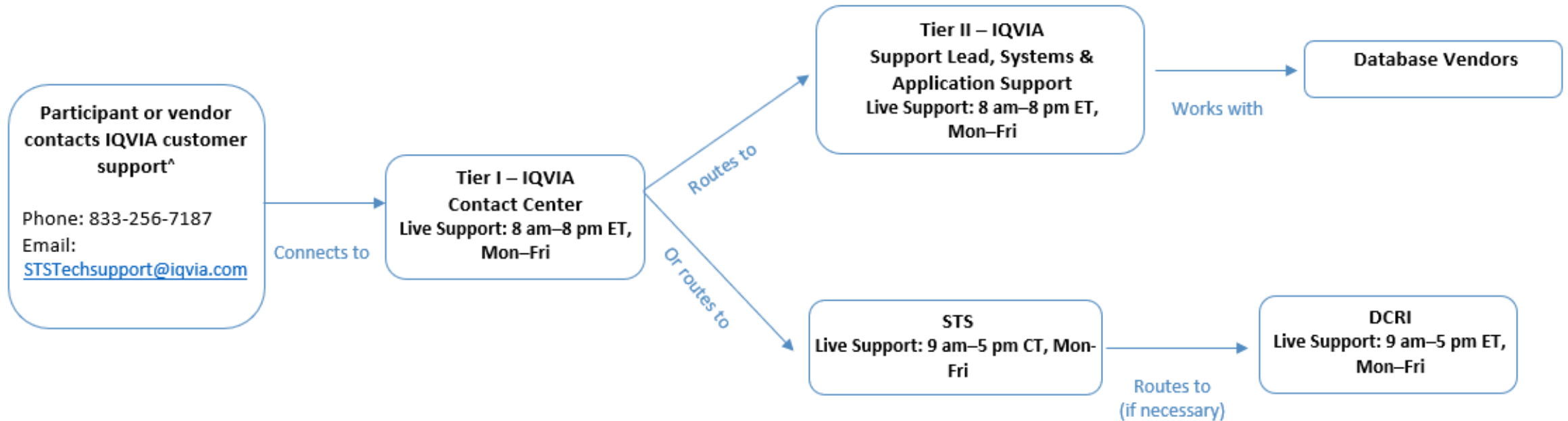


IQVIA Status - Enhancements

- Uploader Performance Enhancements
 - Validation Processing Improvements
- Report Enhancements
 - GTSD Dashboard updates
 - Data Variable additions
 - Identify existing variables for report inclusion
 - GTSD Missing Variable Report updates
 - Report layout updates
 - Shortname column to be added to the Case List section of the report
 - Updates to layout of Missing Summary section



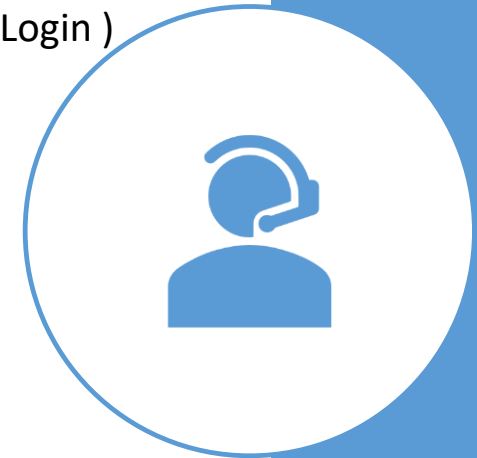
IQVIA's Support Plan



^ 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*
 - ljones@sts.org



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Thank you for joining!

Next GTSD Webinars

May 13, 2020

- GTSD Monthly Webinar @ 1:30pmCT

May 27, 2020

- User Group Call @ 2pmCT



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!