Submit Public Reporting Consent Forms by March 11
Consent forms for participating in the next round of STS Public Reporting
Online are due March 11 for both the Adult Cardiac Surgery Database
(ACSD) and Congenital Heart Surgery Database (CHSD). If you are not
currently enrolled but wish to participate, fill out the appropriate consent
form and fax it to (312) 202-5867.

CHSD public reporting data are updated every summer on the STS website.
For the next round of CHSD public reporting, data from the Spring 2016
Harvest will be posted on the STS website in late July/early August 2016.

ACSD public reporting data are updated twice a year (i.e., every January
and late July/early August). The summer data update corresponds to
participants’ Harvest 1 data, and the January update is based on Harvest 3
data from the previous year. For the next round of ACSD public reporting,
2016 Harvest 1 data will be posted on the STS website in late July/early
August 2016. To learn more about the Society’s public reporting initiatives,
contact Jane Han at jhan@sts.org.

Harvest Deadlines Coming Up
The final day to submit your Harvest 1 data for the ACSD is tomorrow,
February 19. Final sign-off paperwork is due Friday, February 26.

Spring 2016 harvest data submissions for the CHSD and General Thoracic
Surgery Database will begin Monday, February 29.

Review all 2016 harvest dates here. Please note that all dates are subject to
change as the three Database components move toward continuous
harvesting in 2016.

Important ACSD Reminders
1) Prolonged ventilation time is determined by the answer to field #4835,
"Prolonged Ventilation." While the software calculation may round up or
down (which will be remedied in the next version), you should answer this
field based on the actual time ventilated postoperatively. Anything longer
than 24 hours is considered prolonged ventilation.

2) If the inpatient admission is delayed and comes after the surgery date,
use the surgery date as admission date. This will prevent the file from being
rejected and ensure that postoperative length of stay is calculated correctly.

Tips for New Data Managers
Welcome to the STS National Database! So that you receive important
communications regarding your Database participation, please make sure
your contact information is up-to-date by filling out this form. You also are
encouraged to join a regional database group. These groups bring together
surgeons and data managers for peer-to-peer support and guidance related
to data abstraction.