

### Data Submission Deadlines Coming Soon

The STS National Database is in the process of transitioning to a [continuous data submission model](#) for 2017. Data submission for the Adult Cardiac Surgery Database (ACSD) will close tomorrow, February 24, at 5:00 p.m. EST for the first analysis lock period; the suggested data capture window is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

The General Thoracic Surgery Database (GTSD) and Congenital Heart Surgery Database (CHSD) are still operating under the traditional 3-week data submission period for the spring harvest. Data submission for these Databases will open Monday, February 27, and will close Friday, March 17; the suggested data capture window for both is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016.

Remember: To successfully submit your data file, your information must match what the Society and your vendor have in their records for the following fields: Vendor ID, Hospital Name, Hospital NPI #, Surgeon Name, and Surgeon NPI #. If you have questions about your account, contact Elizabeth Watkins at [ewatkins@sts.org](mailto:ewatkins@sts.org). More information, including detailed data submission instructions, is available at [www.sts.org/harvestschedules](http://www.sts.org/harvestschedules).

### Public Reporting Consent Forms Due Next Month

Consent forms for participation in the next round of [STS Public Reporting](#) are due from new enrollees on Monday, March 13. Scores are expected to be posted this summer.

For the ACSD, this update will include hospital and participant-level star ratings for isolated coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) surgery, isolated aortic valve replacement (AVR), and combined AVR+CABG. The CHSD update will include star ratings based on a hospital's overall observed-to-expected operative mortality ratio for all patients undergoing pediatric and/or congenital cardiac surgery, while the GTSD update will include lung cancer lobectomy outcomes.

[Complete the appropriate consent form](#) and fax it to (312) 202-5867 or e-mail it to Sydney Clinton at [sclinton@sts.org](mailto:sclinton@sts.org). ***If you already participate, you do not need to submit a new form.***

### Watch New Video on STS Public Reporting

The latest video in the Society's roundtable series focuses on [Controversies and Outstanding Progress in Public Reporting](#). In the video, Drs. Vinay Badhwar, Jeffrey P. Jacobs, David M. Shahian, and Benjamin D. Kozower discuss the latest information about public reporting, including new risk models and the debut of public reporting for the GTSD. [View all the roundtable videos](#) filmed at STS Annual Meetings over the past few years.

### Reminder: How to Update Database Contacts

If you're looking to add or remove contacts in the Database, you can [find the appropriate form](#) on the STS website. From the STS homepage ([www.sts.org](http://www.sts.org)), click "STS National Database" on the left-hand side, then click "Database Forms."

### Welcome Carole Krohn

Carole Krohn, RN, BSN recently joined the Society as its STS National Database Manager – Adult Cardiac Surgery. She will manage clinical and operational aspects of the ACSD, including data collection and software specification upgrades, data manager training, and Core Group support. Previously, Carole was a Performance Improvement Coordinator/Quality Control at St. Catherine Hospital in East Chicago, Ind. To contact Carole, e-mail [ckrohn@sts.org](mailto:ckrohn@sts.org).

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