

### Submit Questions, Case Scenarios for AQO

The 2017 Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting is just 2 months away! Join your colleagues October 18-20 at the Palmer House in Chicago. STS is collecting questions and case scenarios for a panel of experts to discuss during the meeting. Questions/cases must be submitted by Friday, September 1.

- [Submit Adult Cardiac Surgery Database \(ACSD\) questions/cases](#)
- [Submit General Thoracic Surgery Database \(GTSD\) questions/cases](#)
- [Submit Congenital Heart Surgery Database \(CHSD\) questions/cases](#)

Don't forget to [register by Wednesday, September 20](#), to save \$100 off regular pricing! [View the preliminary program](#).

### Volunteers Needed for AQO Jeopardy Competition

Show off your knowledge by participating in a Jeopardy competition at AQO! This new, interactive session will feature questions about abstraction and coding of lung and esophageal cancer cases presented in a Jeopardy-style format. STS is looking for eight volunteers—both new and experienced data managers. If you would like to sign up, contact Emily Conrad at [econrad@sts.org](mailto:econrad@sts.org).

### View STS Public Reporting Results

The latest public reporting results from the STS National Database are now available on the new [STS Public Reporting Online](#) microsite. These results include the first outcomes—on lobectomy for lung cancer—reported from the GTSD. To view participant scores and star ratings, click on the discipline in the top navigation bar. If your institution would like to be included in the public reporting initiative, [submit a completed consent form](#) today or contact Sydney Clinton at [sclinton@sts.org](mailto:sclinton@sts.org).

### ACSD v2.9 Data Collection Form Updates

With the release of version 2.9 of the ACSD on July 1, a few corrections to the data collection forms have been noted. Please refer to the [updated August training manual](#) for accurate abstraction guidelines on these fields. Additionally, updates have been made to the [surgeon worksheets](#).

- **Sequence 1125 (Thrombolytics):** The data collection form still says to capture thrombolytics within 48 hours; however, this is incorrect and should say 24 hours.
- **Sequence 1070 (Aspirin within 5 days):** Capture ANY dose of aspirin given within 5 days of surgery, including one-time doses. Mark sequence 1072 “Yes” if the aspirin was a one-time occurrence and the patient was not taking it regularly. One-time doses were to be excluded in previous versions of the ACSD; this is a change to v2.9 that was not clarified in the July training manual.

- **Sequence 4740 (Aneurysm location):** Capture the zone that contains the area with the largest circumference. If the largest circumference spans two or more zones, capture the most proximal of these zones.

### **Quick Hits: MIPS Consent Form, Data Submission Deadlines, Composite Measures**

- Surgeons who wish to have [STS submit Quality measure data](#) for the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System on their behalf must [sign a consent form](#) by October 31. *(Please note that you will need to sign in with your STS Web Portal username and password to access the consent form; if you need assistance locating your STS Web Portal login information, contact [membership@sts.org](mailto:membership@sts.org).)*
- Data submission for ACSD Submission 3 will close on August 25; the reporting period is July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017. Submission 4 dates are September 11 to November 24 and will include data through September 30, 2017.
- Data submission for the GTSD and CHSD will close on September 29; the reporting period is July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2017.
- ACSD sites will receive updated STS composite measures and star ratings at the end of October. This update will include two new composite measures related to mitral valve repair and replacement (MVRR) and MVRR+CABG. These composite measures will be available for public reporting with the January 2019 update.
- The ACSD anesthesia module will remain open through November 24, 2017, to allow sites extra time to submit and clean up their v2.81 data (dated through June 30, 2017). No v2.81 data for anesthesia will be accepted after this date.