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### **ACSD Participants Needed for New Dashboard Testing**

The Society is testing a new dashboard reporting system for the STS National Database and needs 25 Adult Cardiac Surgery Database participants to help. The data manager, surgeon representative, and participating surgeons from each participant group would need to test the dashboard and provide feedback. The pilot is scheduled to begin in March 2017. If you are interested in participating, contact Susan Becker at [sbecker@sts.org](mailto:sbecker@sts.org).

### **Reminder: STS Consent Needed to Release Aggregate Data**

If you are contacted by a third party and asked to share information within your Data Harvest Report, please keep in mind that aggregate data are not to be shared without the Society's written permission. However, you may share your institution's individual data if desired. As stated in Section 6.4 of the Participation Agreement, "Participant may not use STS Intellectual Property without first obtaining the express written consent of STS, provided that Participant may use aggregated data from the STS National Database that have been previously released to the public by STS (e.g., in published reports and slide sets), as well as STS risk algorithms and associated Beta coefficients and Y intercepts, without first obtaining such written consent." If you have any questions, contact Susan Becker at [sbecker@sts.org](mailto:sbecker@sts.org).

### **Take Advantage of Free Webinars**

Two new Database webinars are available to stream anytime, free of charge:

- [Congenital Heart Surgery Database New Data Manager Review](#)
- [STS Public Reporting Webinar](#)

### **Learn More About How Star Ratings Are Calculated**

If you've ever wondered how star ratings are affected by data completeness thresholds, see the specifics for each Database component:

- [Adult Cardiac Surgery Database](#)
- [General Thoracic Surgery Database](#)
- [Congenital Heart Surgery Database](#)

### **Pay 2017 Invoices Online**

2017 Database invoices were distributed earlier this month. If you haven't done so already, [pay online to save time and postage](#). You'll need to have your invoice number and STS National Database participant identification number handy. Contact Arelia Garcia at [agarcia@sts.org](mailto:agarcia@sts.org) with any questions.

### **Database Participation Logo Available**

An updated version of the special logo promoting your active 2017 participation in the Database is [available for download](#). You can use the logo on your website, reports, PowerPoints, and business cards. Participants who wish to use the logo must agree to the STS National Database Participant Logo Usage License Agreement. For more information, contact Jennifer Bagley at [jbagley@sts.org](mailto:jbagley@sts.org).

### **STS Annual Meeting *Abstract Book* Online**

The STS 53rd Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas, is less than 5 weeks away. Don't miss the opportunity to [register and reserve your housing](#) so that you can experience cutting-edge scientific sessions, engaging

talks from renowned invited speakers, thought-provoking debates, hands-on simulation courses, and more. ***The deadline to receive the special STS rate at official meeting hotels is tomorrow, December 22.*** Need more information on the meeting content? The [STS 53rd Annual Meeting Abstract Book](#) contains an outline of the educational program, full text of all oral and poster abstracts, and descriptions of exciting symposia, such as Multidisciplinary Response to Emergencies: Strategies for Team Members, Redefining Practice Through Quality and Evidence: What's New, and Early Riser Session: Research Using the STS National Database.

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