Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Intermacs & Pedimacs
User Group Webinar

February 26, 2025

HEART HEALTH AWARENESS

February is American Heart Month

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Today's Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions
- STS Updates
- Data Manager Survey
- Open Discussion

The STS Team

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Networking Opportunities

- STS Data Managers Facebook Group
  - At last check up to 422 members!

- STS Data Manager Collaborative
  - Formerly the Data Manager Mentorship Program, pairs data managers who are seeking advise related to data abstraction
    - To apply, please fill out the sign-up form.

When Are The Reports Distributed?

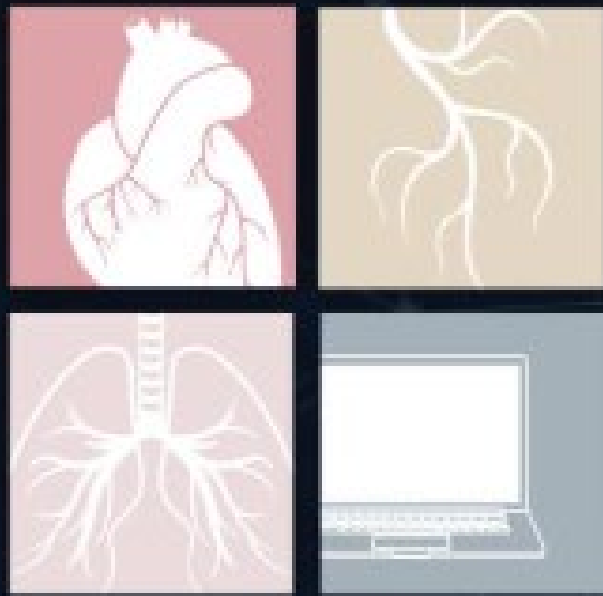| Calendar Quarter	Data Entry Deadline	Coverage Stop Date	Distribution Date
Q1	April 30th	March 31st	June 30th
Q2	July 31st	June 30th	September 30th
Q3	October 31st	September 30th	December 31st
Q4	January 31st	December 31st	March 31st

Upcoming Webinars

- Intermacs/Pedimacs User Group Webinar March 26th @1pm central
- Intermacs/Pedimacs Quality Assurance Report Overview Quarterly Webinar April 17th @2pm central

AQO
September 23, 2025 ▪ Virtual

New for 2025!
Intermacs & Pedimacs Quality Webinar

- Still in the planning stages (format, timing, etc.)

- We want to hear from YOU!

Please reach out to Patricia or Nancy if you would like to share your center's quality improvement project on a future webinar!
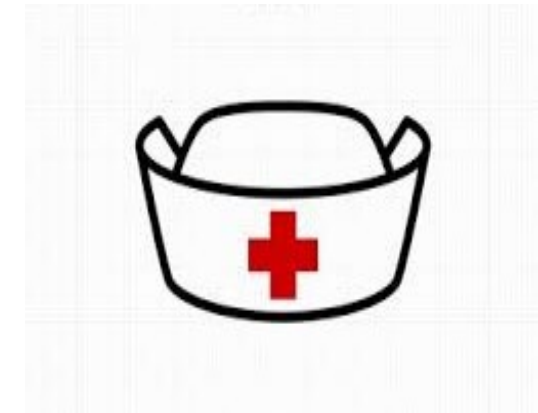
2025 Data Manager Survey

What is your background?

Who do you abstract for?

How long have you been abstracting?

What was your previous experience?

What are your work responsibilities?

Which database do you abstract?

What is your assigned participant role in the STS National Database?

How many people abstract at your hospital?

How many cases do you abstract per month?

How many hours does it take to abstract a case?

What is your timing of abstraction for a case?

How many cases per year does your hospital perform?

Do you utilize a third-party abstraction company?
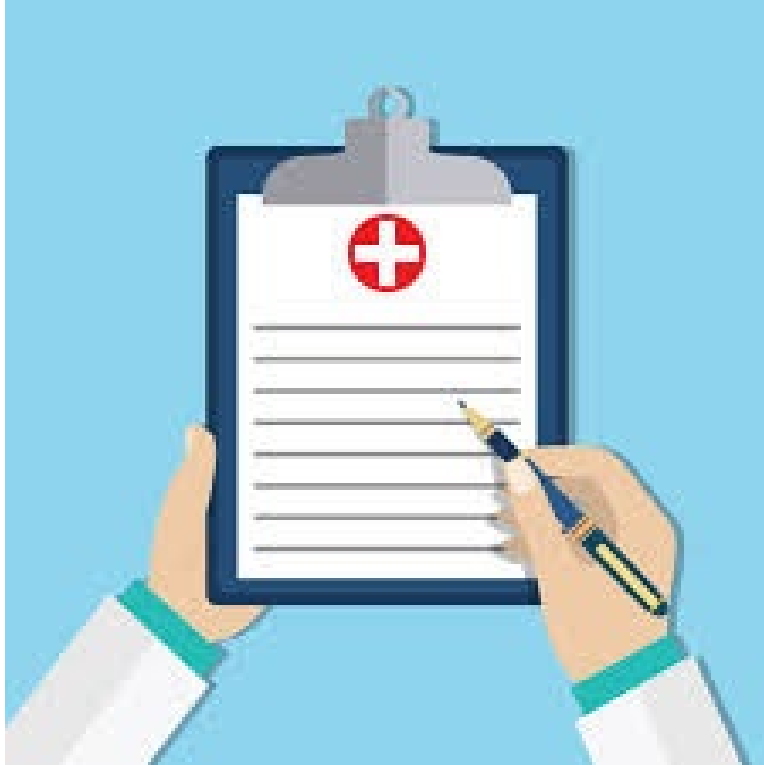
What source do you collect data from for abstraction?

How do you abstract data?

Is there a process in place for tracking patients post-operatively/discharge?

Does the surgeon fill out the operative section? Or provide information besides the op note?

Are your surgeons available to answer questions?

How frequently does your physician representative review the Intermacs/Pedimacs Data Quality Report?

How frequently are queries/reports run using the live data downloads?

How often are corrections made to the participant data based on the Intermacs DQR?

Has your site ever been audited by STS?

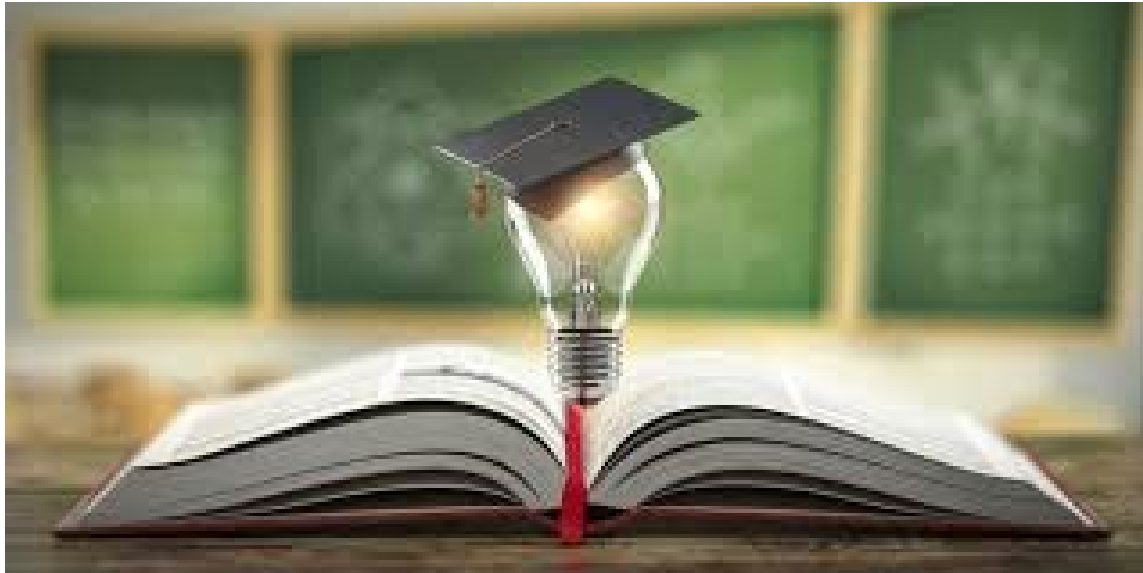Do you perform internal audits on your Intermacs/Pedimacs data?

Have you utilized your STS data for Quality Improvement projects?

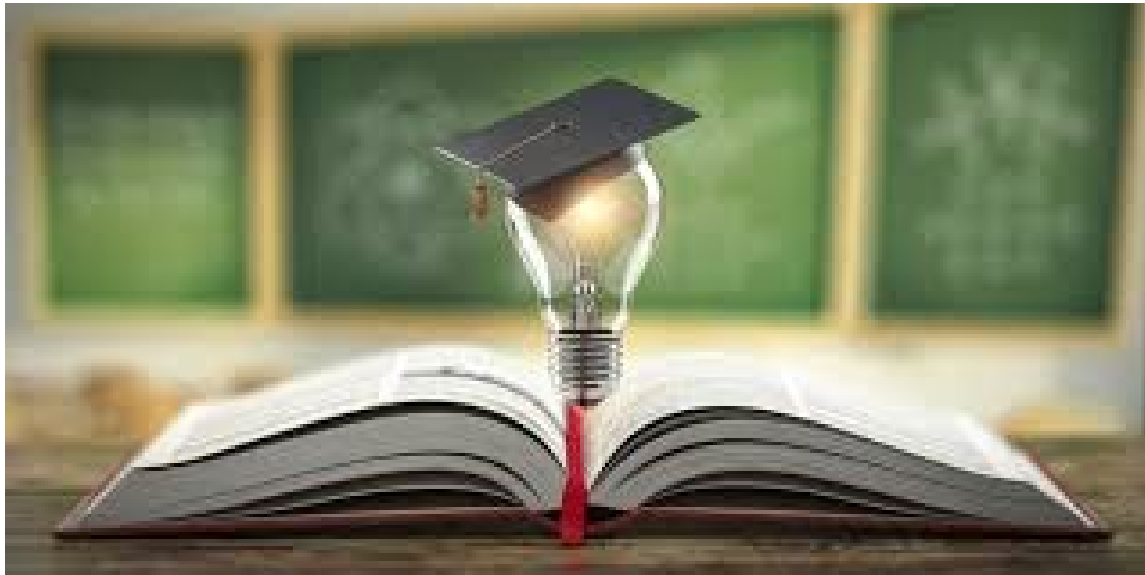Rate STS's communication over the last year:

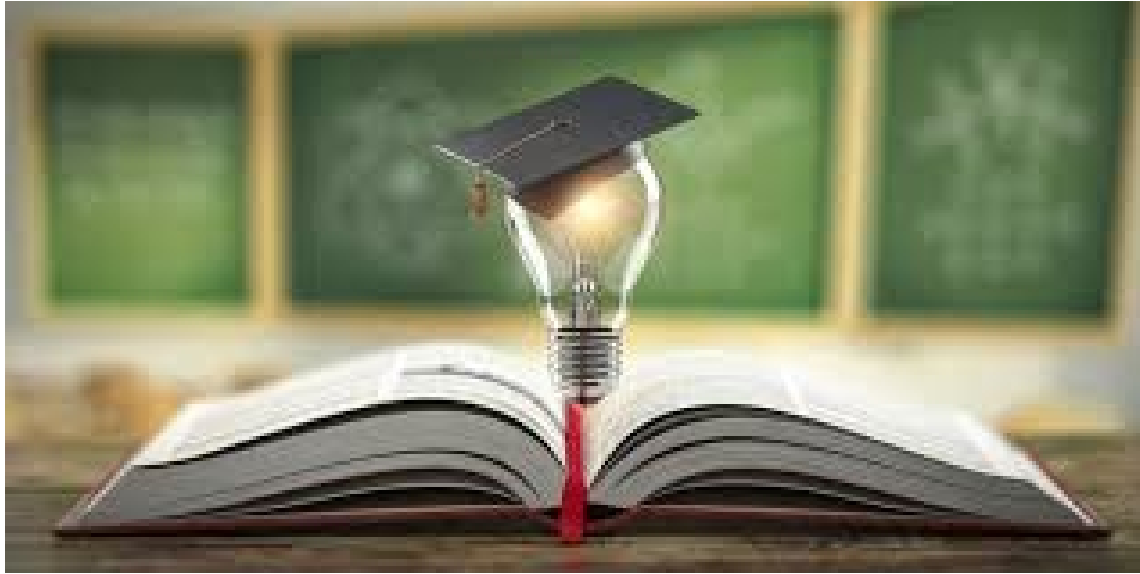Do you find the monthly webinars/quarterly report reviews helpful?

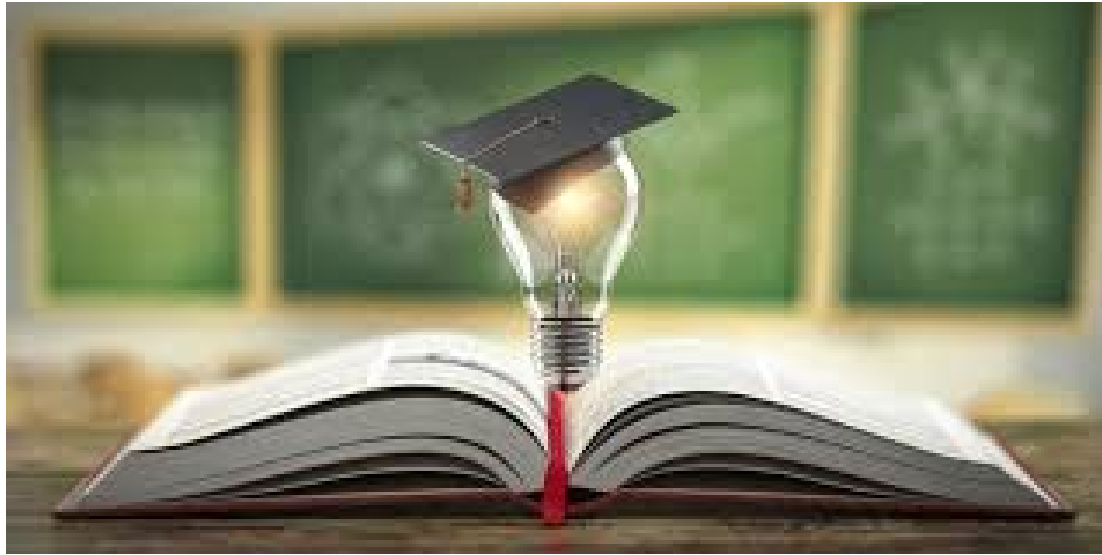Do you feel you have the resources to your job correctly?

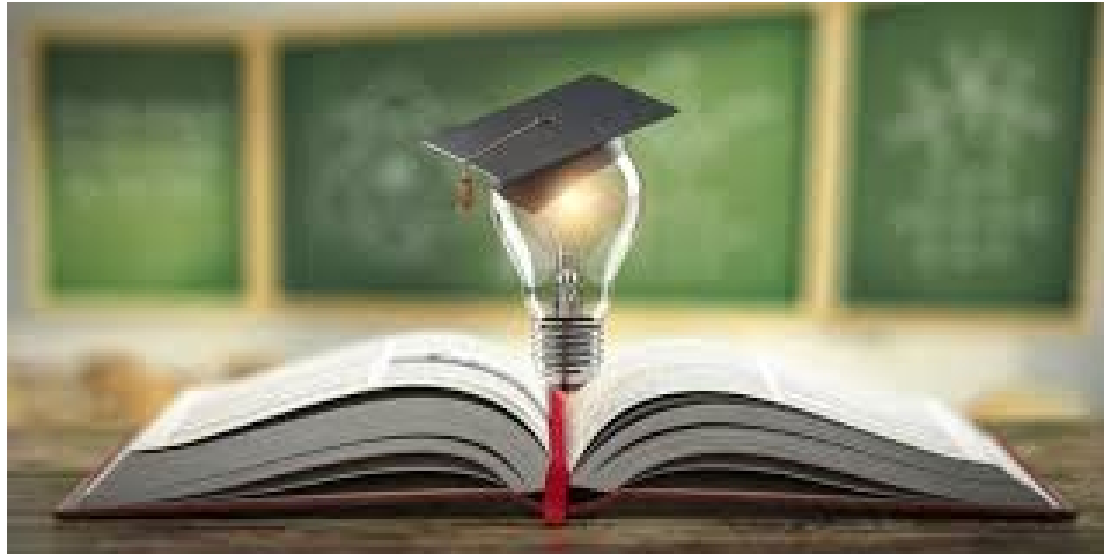How do you utilize the Intermacs training manual?

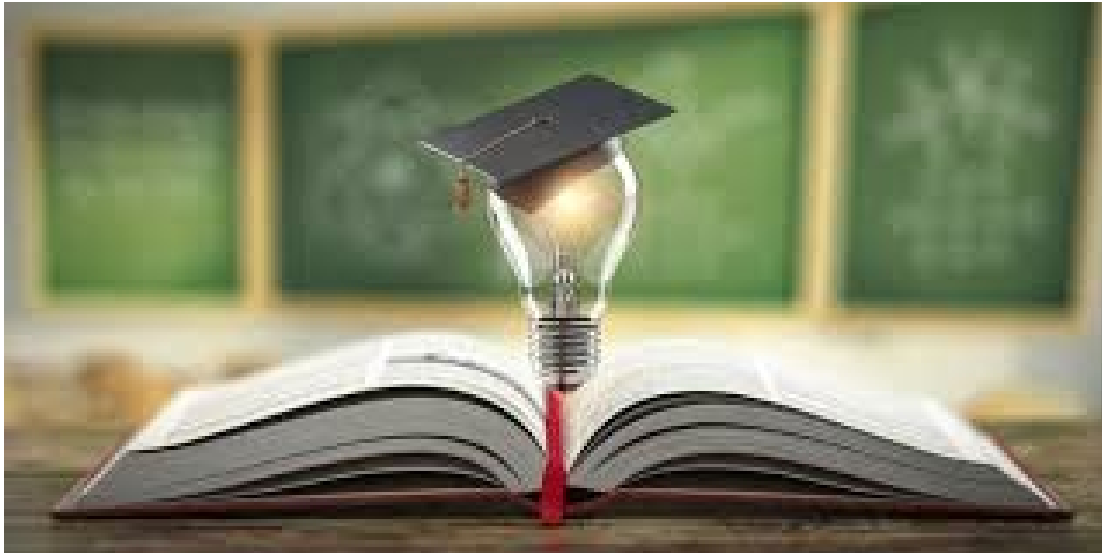Do you participate in the Data Manager Collaborative?

How would you rate your overall experience with the Data Manager Collaborative?

Are there any aspects of the program that could be improved?

On average, how many hours per week do you commit to this program?

Did any staff attend the STS Advances in Quality & Outcomes (AQO) conference?

If you attended AQO, did you find it useful?

If you attended the AQO Hot Topics Webinar, did you find it helpful?

Does your institution budget for data managers to travel?

Which challenge do you face with in-person meetings the most?

What areas can STS improve upon?

How much time do you spend on completing follow-ups per month?

Resources

- https://intermacs.kirso.net/intermacs-documents/ (All Things Intermacs and Pedimacs, Database User Guides, Data Collection Forms, QoL Surveys, FAQs, V6.0 Training Video)

- intermacs@kirso-admin.net (Password and Login)

- reports@kirso-admin.net (Reporting Questions)

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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!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING!