

Introduction to the STS National Database Series: outcomes analysis, quality improvement, and patient safety.

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Enabling clinicians and management to access data can help them uncover weaknesses in practice, determine performance measures, and [drive](#) improvements. This commentary introduces a series of upcoming articles that will explore information derived from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons National Database to aid in understanding patient safety hazards in [cardiothoracic surgery](#).