



The Gail Bell Memorial Fund will honor Gail's encouragement and support of data managers pursuing cardiac surgery quality improvement. The fund will recognize and sponsor a MSTCVS Data Manager wishing to attend Advances in Quality & Outcomes (AQO) and present a poster or give a presentation.

CALL FOR FUND APPLICATIONS

MSTCVS QC SUBMISSION: To apply for the Gail Bell Memorial Fund, you must develop and submit an abstract to The Society of Thoracic Surgeons **Advances in Quality & Outcomes: A Data Managers Meeting**. Your accepted AQO abstract, along with this application, must be submitted to Barb Benedetti at the MSTCVS QC Coordinating Center by July 1, 2018. The winner will be announced at the MSTCVS Summer Meeting. Please see the following abbreviated STS submission guidelines. Full guidelines are available the [STS website](#). The fund is open to all MSTCVS Quality Collaborative data managers.

MSTCVS QUALITY COLLABORATIVE SUBMISSION FORM

TYPE OF ABSTRACT: ___ Quality Improvement ___ Scientific Research

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STS ABSTRACT FORMAT

Please see the Abstract Submission Information & Guidelines document, and use the below format for your abstract. There is a 250-word limit, and any related graph(s)/chart(s) must be embedded within the Word document (not as a separate attachment). Abstracts not in compliance with the Abstract Submission Information & Guidelines will not be accepted. STS submission and full guidelines will be available on the STS website in early April.

Abstract Title: Provide a short and specific title that indicates the nature of the study.

Background: A brief statement of the study's purpose and the current state of research in the field.

Methods or Study Population: Clearly, but briefly, defined methods of the study.

Results: A summary of the study results.

Conclusion: A statement concerning the work's significance and its implications for further research.

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION

The STS National Database Core Fields and Participating Sites Custom Fields must be used to achieve results. All scientific abstracts submitted must be original works not previously presented.

SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS: Use of Evidence-Based Practice to Improve Outcomes.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ABSTRACTS: An hospital/system QI activity demonstrating change in behavior or outcome.

ABBREVIATED FORMATTING GUIDELINES

TITLE OF ABSTRACT: Provide a short and specific title that indicates the nature of the study. Please use the following formatting guidelines: title case, no periods, no abbreviations.

BACKGROUND: A brief statement of the study's purpose and the current state of research in the field.

- Does the introduction demonstrate the need for the study?
- Is the statement of the problem clear and concise?
- Is the statement placed early in the presentation?
- Is the problem presented with enough background material to acquaint the reader with the importance of the problem?
- Does the author give a good reason why the study is timely?
- Are the terms relevant to the study clearly defined?
- Does the introduction reflect the current state of research in the field?

METHODOLOGY: Clearly – but briefly – defined methods of the study or experimental approach.

- Are the details of data collection clearly and logically presented?
- Are the limitations of the procedure clearly stated?
- Is the population and the method of selecting the sample adequately described?
- Are the significant characteristics of the sample described?
- Are the instrument(s) appropriate for the study both in terms of problem and approach?

RESULTS: A summary of the study results, including sufficient details to support the conclusion made. To summarize results you may include one table (not to exceed 10 columns, 10 rows), one graph, or one illustration (jpg file not to exceed 4 inches x 3 inches, at 300 dpi). Abstract must include data results.

- Is the presentation of data clear?
- Does the analysis show a relationship to the problem and its solution?
- Is the tone of the report unbiased, impersonal and scientific?
- Are the table, charts and graphs pertinent?
- Regional comparisons not allowed.

CONCLUSION: A statement concerning the significance of the work and its implications for further research, if further research is applicable.

- Are the results discussed in relation to the problem and the conceptual framework?
- Are the conclusions and generalizations clearly stated?
- Are the limitations of the findings clearly delineated?
- Are the conclusions well organized and in good sequence?
- Are implications for future research appropriate?