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**The Society
of Thoracic
Surgeons**

STS Research Center

Director

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS or the Society) invites applications and nominations for the position of:

Director, STS Research Center

Job Summary

Direct STS Research Center (SRC) activities by procuring, managing, and coordinating funded clinical research grants that are based largely on STS data and designed to optimize cardiothoracic patient care. Develop a self-sustaining operational infrastructure for the SRC including oversight of STS staff assigned to work on SRC activities. Work closely with STS physician leaders, including the members of the STS Quality, Research and Patient Safety Council Operating Board, the Workforce on National Databases and the Workforce on Research Development.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop and promote the SRC as a nationally recognized leader in outcomes research.
- Work with the surgeon leadership to determine the STS priorities for future research. Work with the Workforce on Research Development to actively pursue opportunities for funded research that correspond with STS priorities.
- Develop the capacity to conduct research utilizing the services of multiple data analytic centers.
- Develop and obtain funding for an IT infrastructure that will serve as a general research tool for outcomes research.
- Develop and maintain an operational framework for managing existing and anticipated grants including assembly and oversight of grant teams, budget development and execution, grant writing and submission, and administrative coordination and adherence to deliverables.
- Actively promote the SRC and establish long-term relationships with funding agencies, insurers, industry, CMS, FDA, and other national quality organizations.
- Work cooperatively with representatives of the American College of Cardiology, representatives of other medical specialty societies, and

STS representatives with respect to research activities related to the ongoing operation of the TVT Registry and similar collaborative efforts.

- Help establish a program to provide research education for STS members to serve as scholars engaged in statistical outcomes analysis and comparative effectiveness research.

Other

- Regularly report to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee on plans for and progress of the SRC.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Education/Professional Affiliation - MD and/or PhD or equivalent required. Preference given to candidates who also hold a Graduate degree in Health Services Research or related field.

Experience - A minimum of 6-8 years related work experience, including 3-5 years supervisory experience. Prior experience working with clinical databases and funded clinical research grants is essential. Preference also given to candidates with prior association work experience.

Essential Skills and Abilities

- Superior written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to develop and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers and surgeon leaders; tact, diplomacy, and good judgment are essential.
- Ability to collaborate with federal agencies, other medical specialty organizations and industry contacts.
- Ability to critically evaluate statistical analysis and data applications.
- Excellent operational, financial planning and follow-through capabilities.
- Flexibility and adaptability to changing daily activities and schedules.
- Ability to travel, as necessary.

Characteristics

Energy, creativity, initiative, eagerness to learn, and professionalism required. Candidate must exemplify the STS Core Staff Values of respect, teamwork, innovation, quality services, and ownership.

About the Society of Thoracic Surgeons

STS is the largest organization representing cardiothoracic surgeons in the world. The Society, a 501 (c)(6), not-for-profit organization founded in 1964, represents more than 6,700 surgeons, researchers and allied health care professionals worldwide who are dedicated to ensuring the best possible outcomes for surgeries of the heart, lung, and esophagus, as well as other surgical procedures within the chest. The mission of the Society is to enhance the ability of cardiothoracic surgeons to provide the highest quality patient care through education, research, and advocacy.

The Society is headquartered in Chicago, IL, with an additional office in Washington, D.C. The organization has an annual budget of more than \$20M and a staff of more than 50 employees. A team of dedicated professionals, STS employees strive for excellence as they uphold the staff core values.

STS is known especially for its national outcomes database (the “STS National Database,” described in greater detail below), its journal, *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, and the STS Annual Meeting, one of the largest cardiothoracic surgery educational events in the world. The 2014 STS 50th Annual Meeting attracted more than 2,300 health care professionals from 65 countries.

STS offers educational opportunities throughout the year in the form of in-person and online courses, including STS/AATS Tech-Con, a two-day educational program on novel therapies and leading-edge technologies in cardiac and general thoracic surgery, the Annual Meeting Online and Tech-Con Online, webinars, and podcasts. Educational topics focus on new and emerging technologies, surgical techniques, and management of patient care.

About the STS Research Center

Launched in 2011, the [STS Research Center](#) is a nationally recognized leader in outcomes research. The Center seeks to capitalize on the value of the STS National Database and other resources to provide scientific evidence and support cutting-edge research that ultimately helps cardiothoracic surgeons, government, industry, and other interested parties improve surgical outcomes and the quality of patient care.

The Society is recognized and respected worldwide for its STS National Database, established in 1989 as an initiative for quality improvement and patient safety among cardiothoracic surgeons. It is now comprised of three components: the Adult Cardiac Surgery Database, the General Thoracic Surgery Database, and the Congenital Heart Surgery Database. The Adult Cardiac Surgery Database houses more than 5 million surgical records, data gathered from more than 90% of groups performing cardiac surgery in the United States.

The Society has also partnered with the American College of Cardiology to create the groundbreaking STS/ACC TVT Registry, a data repository developed to track patient safety and real-world outcomes related to transcatheter aortic valve replacement procedures. The Registry, which launched in December 2011, has more than 300 sites enrolled and approximately 15,000 patient records entered.

For more information about the Society and the STS Research Center, please visit:

<http://www.sts.org/>

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