

STS/ACC TVT Registry Research Proposal Application (RPA)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1. Where do I find a listing of the data elements and related dictionaries?

You will find the data elements and data dictionaries posted for the registry in the “Data Collection” section at <http://www.tvtregistry.org>. That is how you find the data collection form and data dictionary for the registry. Be sure to review these as you complete your RPA. Ask yourself if we actually collect the data needed for the study you are proposing. If not, you will need to reconsider your plan for the study.

2. How do I avoid overlap between what I am proposing and what is already published or underway using TVT data?

Please access the main TVT research page to find a link to active research projects.

As you prepare your RPA, bear in mind the “Rule of Two.” If you submit two proposals, you need to wait for those to go through review. If both of those are approved and move forward to analysis, then you cannot submit another proposal until at least one of those proposals has resulted in a manuscript that has been submitted to a peer-reviewed journal for possible publication. Our expectation is that manuscript submission will occur within four months of the date at which analysis is completed. Rule of two includes submission of new RPAs.

3. The institution where I am doing my fellowship training is not a member of the TVT registry. Will I be able to use the TVT database for research?

You are not required to be a participant in order to be engaged in research that is based upon analysis of our data.

4. Do I receive the raw data or are data analyzed by a registry-designated team?

If your proposal is approved to move to analysis, we forward it to one of our contracted Data Analytic Centers (DAC). They, in turn, will contact you to discuss the analytic plan. We do not forward data to you at any time. When the initial analysis is complete, the DAC will forward you the results. Our expectation is that you will complete a manuscript and be ready to submit it to a journal within four months of the date upon which the analysis was completed and mailed to you by the analytic center.

5. Do I have to pay anything for working with NCDR database (from protocol submission until publication)?

STS/ACC funds research studies each year, so that authors need not be able to supply their own funding (please select the first option under “Funding Source” on the RPA form). However, if an applicant has his or her own source of funding, this should be noted on the application form at the funding source question. Applicants with their own source of funding will receive a separate review process, and may apply at any time. For specific questions, send an email to TVTresearch@acc.org. Most applicants should consider applying for STS/ACC funding first before selecting one of the other options. Remember that if you have your own funding, you must have enough to cover costs to our contracted analytic centers, as we do not pass the data on to individuals to do their own statistical analyses. If external funding is not awarded, proposals may be submitted for STS/ACC funding by the deadline of the next scheduled committee meeting. Staff must be notified of the submission.

6. How do I submit my RPA form once it is submitted?

Submit your RPA to us using the form available at tvtresearch.org. No fee is required in order to submit.

7. How soon will I be notified of the outcome?

For 2014, TVT accepted applications on a rolling basis. However, due to unanticipated volume, RPAs are taking longer than normal to be processed and reviewed.

Your RPA will be assigned an ID number and placed in queue for review by the TVT Research & Publications Committee. Dates upon which these committees meet are posted on our website. We will be including RPA submission deadlines in the near future; but generally they occur ten weeks prior to a given committee meeting. We typically notify applicants of the outcome of their submissions within six weeks after a committee meeting.