

Beginning with admission year 2027 data, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) is streamlining our data submission infrastructure, and as part of those efforts the TQIP Without Process Measures file type (also referred to as the NTDB file type) will no longer be accepted.

This means that all sites, regardless of their program enrollment, will be on a single ACS standard, which will require response values for all data elements listed in the TQIP Measures for Process of Care section of the NTDS Data Dictionary.

While response values will be required for these data elements, the appropriate **Not Known/Not Recorded** or **Not Applicable** null values are acceptable responses for sites that do not collect these data elements within their registry. For most impacted sites, we expect this change will not require you to change your registry practice but instead will require your vendor to design your file to appropriately reflect these null values.

If your site is among the majority that already submits with TQIP or ITDX file types, this change **will not** impact your submission process.

This change has been communicated to all known registry vendors in the marketplace, and they have agreed to make any necessary updates to ensure your product is compatible with this standard at no extra cost to you. If you're concerned that your vendor is not aware of this change, please feel free to refer them to us at TraumaQuality@facs.org for more information.