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PLAN TO ATTEND THE STS 44th ANNUAL MEETING

The latest ground-breaking research plus new technologies and techniques in heart and lung surgery will be presented at the STS 44th Annual Meeting, January 28-30, 2008, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. More than 3,000 cardiothoracic surgeons from around the world are expected to attend, making this meeting the pre-eminent educational event for cardiothoracic surgeons in 2008.

With more than 100 education sessions on an expansive array of topics, the STS Annual Meeting provides a forum for cardiothoracic surgeons to learn the most up-to-date information on research, surgical techniques, patient management, ethical and political issues in order to maintain the highest level of care for the cardiothoracic patient.

This year's STS Annual Meeting will feature leading experts from around the world addressing such timely topics as stem cell research, end of life futile care, and Aprotinin. On Monday, January 28, STS President John E. Mayer Jr. will deliver his Presidential address, "Is There a Role for Our Profession in Solving the Problems of the American Health Care System?" Dr. Mayer will share his insights and perspectives about the pivotal role cardiothoracic surgery will play in the future of American health care. Also, the 2008 Health Policy Forum will feature experts discussing the ramifications of the health care transparency trend for physicians.

For more information about registration or specific presentations, visit www.sts.org.

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The Society of Thoracic Surgeons is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 5,400 surgeons, researchers, and allied health professionals worldwide who are dedicated to ensuring the best possible heart, lung, esophageal and other surgical procedures for the chest. Founded in 1964, the mission of STS is to enhance the ability of cardiothoracic surgeons to provide the highest quality patient care through education, research and advocacy. The STS Annual Meeting is the premier education event in cardiothoracic surgery.