

Registration Instructions

Registration and housing are available online at www.sts.org/annualmeeting.

Please note: Registration is required in order to reserve Annual Meeting housing.

Deadline: Early bird registration will end November 19, 2017; registration fees will increase after this date. Additionally, you must register by Thursday, January 4, 2018, to reserve housing at the special Annual Meeting rates.

Questions about registration? Contact the Society's official registration partner, Experient, at (800) 424-5249 (toll free), 00-1-847-996-5829 (for international callers), or sts@experient-inc.com.

Registration Categories

Annual Meeting registration is open to everyone with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery. Please note that STS members are NOT automatically registered for the Annual Meeting.

STS SURGEON MEMBERS: STS Active, International, and Senior Members.

STS ASSOCIATE MEMBER PHYSICIANS (NON-CT SURGEONS): STS member physicians with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery who are not eligible to become Active, International, Candidate, or Pre-Candidate Members.

STS ASSOCIATE MEMBER NON-PHYSICIANS: STS members who are PhD research scientists, physician assistants, perfusionists, nurses, nurse practitioners, practice administrators, data managers, and others with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery.

STS PRE-CANDIDATE AND CANDIDATE MEMBERS:
Pre-Candidate: Medical students and general surgery residents who are STS members. *Candidate:* Cardiothoracic surgery residents/fellows/trainees who are STS members.

NON-MEMBER PHYSICIANS: Non-member cardiothoracic surgeons and other physicians with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery.

NON-MEMBER NON-PHYSICIANS: Non-member PhD research scientists, physician assistants, perfusionists, nurses, nurse practitioners, practice administrators, data managers, and others with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery.

NON-MEMBER RESIDENTS, FELLOWS, AND MEDICAL STUDENTS: In order to register for the STS 54th Annual Meeting, non-member general surgery residents and cardiothoracic surgery residents/fellows must complete a registration certification form during the online registration process. Non-member medical students must upload a copy of their current student identification card to the registration website.

Separate Registrations

STS/AATSTech-Con 2018 and the STS 54th Annual Meeting require separate registration.

Tech-Con registration provides access only to the educational sessions on Saturday, January 27.

Annual Meeting registration provides access only to the educational sessions on Sunday, January 28, Monday, January 29, and Tuesday, January 30. You also will receive complimentary access to Annual Meeting Online.

Separate ticket purchases are required to attend the President's Reception (Sunday, January 28) and STS University courses (Wednesday, January 31).

Become an STS Member!

Non-members interested in attending the STS 54th Annual Meeting can gain numerous benefits by applying for STS membership.

Applications for Associate, Candidate, or Pre-Candidate Membership must be submitted by Monday, January 8, 2018, to allow time for processing. Those approved for membership can attend the STS 54th Annual Meeting as members and immediately begin enjoying member benefits, such as discounted registration fees.

For membership information and an application, visit www.sts.org/membership or contact Sarah Foreman, Senior Coordinator, Member Services, at sforeman@sts.org.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellation requests must be made in writing and e-mailed to meetings@sts.org by January 19, 2018. Requests for refunds will not be honored if submitted after that date. A processing fee of \$100 will be charged for all cancellations.

Onsite Registration Information

Onsite registration will be located on the first floor of the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center.

Friday, January 26	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Saturday, January 27	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday, January 28	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM
Monday, January 29	6:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday, January 30	6:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday, January 31	6:30 AM – 9:30 AM



Housing and Travel Information

Meeting Location

All educational programming for the STS 54th Annual Meeting and STS/AATS Tech-Con 2018 will take place at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center.

★ Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center

1950 Eisenhower Blvd
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
 (954) 765-5900
www.ftlauderdalecc.com

STS HOTELS

	Room rate (per night)
1 B Ocean Fort Lauderdale	\$319
2 Courtyard by Marriott Fort Lauderdale Beach	\$289
3 Embassy Suites by Hilton Fort Lauderdale 17th Street	\$289
4 Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa	\$333
5 Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina	\$299
6 Hyatt Place Fort Lauderdale 17th Street Convention Center	\$210
7 Pier Sixty-Six Hotel & Marina	\$299
8 Lago Mar Beach Resort & Club	\$295
9 Renaissance Fort Lauderdale Cruise Port Hotel	\$325
10 Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort	\$307





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Housing Information

You can reserve housing while you are registering for the Annual Meeting at www.sts.org/annualmeeting. The housing deadline is Thursday, January 4, 2018.

Complimentary shuttle service will be provided between all official STS hotels and the convention center beginning Friday, January 26, 2018. Schedules will be posted in the lobby of each hotel.

Questions about housing? Contact the Society's official housing partner, Experient, at (800) 424-5249 (toll free), 00-1-847-996-5829 (for international callers), or sts@experient-inc.com.

Air Travel

The Fort Lauderdale–Hollywood International Airport (FLL) is located approximately 3 miles from the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center.

Ground Transportation

Car Rental

STS has negotiated special car rental rates from Hertz Rent a Car. Reservations may be placed at www.hertz.com or at (800) 654-2240 from within the United States and Canada; from international locations, call 00-1-405-749-4434. To receive the special STS rate, reference convention number (CV#) 04R50005 when making your car rental reservations. Parking at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center is \$15 per day.

Taxi Service

Approximate taxi fare from the airport to official STS hotels is \$20 one way.

Shuttle Service / Private Car

Discounted airport shuttle and private car services are available to STS attendees through GO Airport Shuttle. Shuttle service to official STS hotels is \$11.50 per person one way. Private car service is \$41.40 per person one way. For reservations, visit www.sunny.org/sts and select "Airport Transportation."

Information for International Attendees

Visa Information

If you are not a US citizen and plan to attend the STS Annual Meeting, advance planning is critical! Attendees from outside the United States may need to apply for a visa at the American embassy, consulate, or other visa-issuing office in their country of origin. Please begin your visa application process as soon as possible. The application and interview process varies from country to country and can take up to 90 days to complete. Learn more about the visa process at www.travel.state.gov.

The Visa Waiver Program allows citizens of participating countries travel to the United States for 90 days or less without a visa, provided that they meet all program requirements and have a valid Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) approval from the US government. For more information about the Visa Waiver Program, visit www.travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visa-waiver-program.html.

Letters of Invitation

If you need a personalized letter of invitation, visit www.sts.org/annualmeeting and complete the Letter of Invitation Request Form. Once you have completed the request form, STS will e-mail a personalized letter of invitation to you within 1 business week. Please note: STS cannot promise that you or your colleagues will receive a visa, nor can it change the decision of any governmental agency should your application be denied.

About Fort Lauderdale and the United States

Even for the seasoned traveler, a trip may require some advance planning. Learn more about essential information, helpful travel tips, and answers to common questions at these websites:

www.sunny.org (Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau)

www.fll.net (Fort Lauderdale–Hollywood International Airport)

www.travel.state.gov (US State Department)

www.cbp.gov (US Customs and Border Protection)

www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/visit-united-states (US Department of Homeland Security)