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Participate in Mentorship TweetChat on May 24

The STS Workforce on Career Development will host its first TweetChat on Wednesday, May 24, at 8:00 p.m. ET. Early career cardiothoracic surgeons will have the opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas with other STS members.

The theme will be "Maximizing Mentorship Opportunities in CT Surgery," and topics will include finding a good mentor, getting the most out of a mentoring relationship, and what makes a good mentor and good mentee.

Follow the conversation on [@CTSurgCareers](#) and join in by using the hashtag: CTCareers. Mara Antonoff, MD ([@maraantonoff](#)) will serve as the moderator.

Learn more about the Society's [career development resources](#).

Call for Abstracts: Be a Part of the STS 54th Annual Meeting

Do you want to be among the world-renowned leaders in cardiothoracic surgery who are presenting new information at the [STS 54th Annual Meeting](#), January 27–31, 2018, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida? Submit an abstract for presentation consideration. Oral, poster, and surgical video submissions will be accepted until **Friday, June 9, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. CT**.

Residents are eligible for two special awards. The Benson R. Wilcox Resident Award, offered by the Thoracic Surgery Directors Association, recognizes an exceptional scientific abstract presented by a 2-year, 3-year, 4/3-year, or Integrated 6-year US ACGME-accredited cardiothoracic surgery resident. Additionally, the STS President's Award honors an outstanding scientific abstract submitted by either a resident or a young investigator who has completed cardiothoracic surgical training within the past 5 years.

Take this opportunity to be part of the foremost educational event in cardiothoracic surgery. Visit [sts.org/abstracts](#) for directions on how to submit your abstract.

Submit a Proposal for STS/AATS Tech-Con 2018

The Society also is accepting proposals describing 15-minute presentations on new and developing technology in cardiothoracic surgery. Submissions will be considered for STS/AATS Tech-Con, which will be held on January 27, 2018, immediately prior to the STS Annual Meeting. Watch this [brief video message](#) in which Tech-Con Task Force Co-Chair T. Sloane Guy, MD, MBA explains why STS members should participate, then [submit your proposal today](#). If you have questions, please contact [education@sts.org](#). **The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, June 9, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. CT.**

Visit STS at AMA Medical Student Event

The Society will be participating in the Medical Specialty Showcase at the [2017 American Medical Association National Medical Student Annual Meeting](#), which will be held June 8-10 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Stop by and see STS on Saturday, June 10, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Bring your fellow students who are not yet Pre-Candidate Members to learn more about the benefits of STS membership and the cardiothoracic surgery specialty.

Candidate Members Meet with Congressional Reps

Benjamin Bryner, MD and Ashok Venkataraman, MD joined other STS members after receiving scholarships from the Society to attend the American College of Surgeons Leadership and Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC, earlier this month. While in DC, they learned crucial advocacy strategies and met with their representatives in Congress during the intensive 4-day event.

Interested in meeting with your own members of Congress? [Register today](#) to participate in the next STS Legislative Fly-In, June 12-13.

Photo: Loretta Erhunmwunsee, MD, Ashok Venkataraman, MD, Benjamin Bryner, MD, and Jonathan Yang, MD during their visit to DC.



Recruit a Medical Student or Resident and Receive a Free STS Gift

STS membership continues to grow, with [48 Pre-Candidate and Candidate Members](#) joining the Society so far this year. Know anyone who might be interested in cardiothoracic surgery? Encourage them to apply for [Pre-Candidate](#) or [Candidate](#) Membership. As STS members, they'll receive many valuable benefits, such as a free online subscription to *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, reduced rates for educational events, and networking opportunities with the most influential cardiothoracic surgeons in the world. **Special offer!** Recruit a new member and the Society will send both you and your peer a special STS-branded gift. To claim your gift, e-mail the applicant's name to Kristin Schukar at kschukar@sts.org. *Note: application must be completed in order to receive your gift, and supplies are limited.*

