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Trainee Connection



We've Renamed Your Membership Category—and This Newsletter

Our Resident, Fellow, and Medical Student Members are emerging contributors and leaders in our specialty. In recognition of your vital place in the future of cardiothoracic surgery—and the contributions you're already making every day—"Candidate" and "Pre-Candidate" membership categories now are "Resident/Fellow" and "Medical Student" membership to reflect your professional journey. The "Candidate Connection" newsletter now is *Trainee Connection*, and it will continue to deliver news about the surgical arena, exclusive benefits, educational opportunities, career resources, and funding opportunities specifically curated for you.

Join the Free April 2 Virtual Retreat

The [2022 STS Trainee Retreat](#) is a unique virtual event that will offer practical early career tips and address important issues facing cardiothoracic surgery trainees. It's open to all surgical residents, including those who haven't yet decided to pursue cardiothoracic surgery. Attendees will hear from leaders in the specialty and will be paired with experienced surgeon leaders in virtual breakout rooms. The event is free to attend, but [registration is required](#).

Assemble Your Team for CT Surgery Masters Showdown

It's time to find a brainy partner in your residency program and get ready for the [2022 CT Surgery Masters Showdown](#), a *Jeopardy*-style competition of cognitive skills. Two-person teams of residents will face off against one another this fall in a test of knowledge in five cardiothoracic surgery categories—cardiac, congenital, thoracic, history of the specialty, and decision making. When a North American champion emerges, they'll face off against the winning European team in a final showdown at the 2023 STS Annual Meeting. Registration opens June 1, and each individual participant will need to take an initial online qualifying exam. [Get your team ready](#).



Be a Part of the New Coronary Conference

The 2022 STS Coronary Conference, June 4–5 in Ottawa, ON, Canada, will be the first of its kind, connecting attendees with advanced educational content on the latest techniques for coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) surgery.

- The agenda will feature didactic presentations, “How I Do It” video sessions, practical tips and tricks, and case-based panel discussions. [Register by Thursday, April 14](#) to enjoy early bird discounts.
- Abstracts and case presentations are still being accepted for consideration. [Submit your work by Wednesday, April 6](#) to be considered for the opportunity to present alongside experts from around the globe.



Annual Meeting Online Is Ready

The rich content presented during the STS 58th Annual Meeting now is available on-demand through Annual Meeting Online. This digital product features nearly 40 educational sessions incorporating the latest research, technology, and best practices in all major cardiothoracic surgery disciplines. Resident/Fellow and Medical Student Members can access for **free** via the [STS Learning Center](#).

Email education@sts.org if you have difficulty or don't see the meeting archive in your Learning Center account.



New Podcast Episodes Available on Your Favorite Listening Platforms

STS continually adds new blog entries, videos, and podcasts that can help you stay abreast of new techniques and gain skills for navigating your career.

- In "[Introducing New Technology to an Institution](#)," Dr. Robert Van Haren writes about how early-career surgeons can revolutionize their surgical programs with state-of-the-art tools—by getting buy-in from leadership, building a consistent team, and monitoring cases and outcomes.
- The latest video in the 8 in 8 Series—presenting one topic using 8 slides in 8 minutes—is "[Post-Cardiotomy Temporary Epicardial Pacing in the ICU](#)." It's a high-level look at the fundamentals of temporary epicardial pacing and the benefit to patients after cardiac surgery. Watch it and [explore more from the 8 in 8 Series library](#).
- "[Dos and Don'ts of the Mobile ECMO Team](#)" features a multidisciplinary panel of experts who share their expertise on establishing and maintaining an effective mobile ECMO unit. They discuss optimal staffing, logistical details, and transport contingency plans, as well as research findings on ECMO-facilitated resuscitation and contraindications for deploying the unit. This video is among the latest in the [STS Webinar Series](#).

- New episodes in the “Same Surgeon, Different Light” podcast series also are available: [Dr. Sharon Ben-Or](#), [Dr. Jenna Romano](#), [Dr. Raja Flores](#), and [Dr. Gail Darling](#).

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