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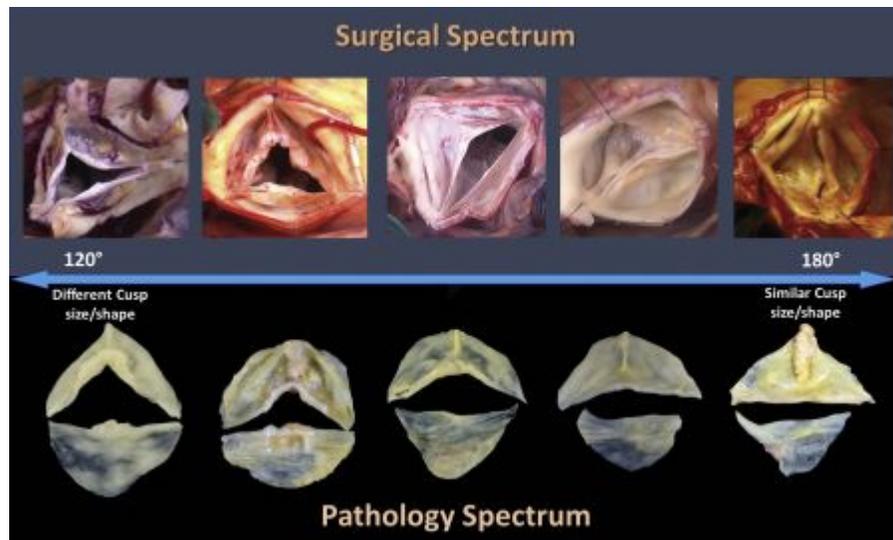
Now is the time to come "Together Again" for the Society's [58th Annual Meeting](#)—Saturday through Monday, January 29–31, in Miami Beach, Florida. In-person and virtual registration options are available. With 45+ parallel sessions, 12 "Ask the Experts" panels, four hands-on courses, four 360° video "In the OR with..." sessions, eight Deep Dive presentations, featured lectures, 200+ electronic posters, and more, STS 2022 is a don't-miss event for cardiothoracic surgical professionals of every discipline and at every career level. STS Members receive deep discounts. [Register now](#) to enjoy [early bird pricing](#) and be part of this unforgettable experience.



## International Consensus Paper Classifies Congenital Bicuspid Aortic Valve Conditions

Authored by a workforce of experts from across the world, including Dr. Hans-Joachim Schäfers from Saarland University Medical Center in Homburg/Saar, Germany, the new "[International Consensus Statement on Classification and Nomenclature](#)" recognizes three types of bicuspid valves and three types of bicuspid

valve-associated aortopathy. This statement is intended to be used universally by both pediatric and adult clinicians, including cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiovascular advanced-imaging specialists, and interventional cardiologists. With your STS Member login, you can read it now in [\*The Annals of Thoracic Surgery\*](#).



## Latin America Surgery Symposia Will Feature World-Class Insights

In November and December, two virtual educational events from STS and international partner organizations will showcase the latest advances in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, featuring faculty from across the globe.

- Hosted by STS, the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS), and the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS), the Latin America Thoracic Surgery Symposium on November 19 will offer new data and insights on managing patients with COVID, starting a lung cancer screening program, and treating patients with chest wall trauma. [Learn more.](#)
- The STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Symposium on December 3 will present the latest developments and best treatment practices for coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease, thoracic aortic disease, atrial fibrillation, and the surgical management of heart failure. [Learn more.](#)



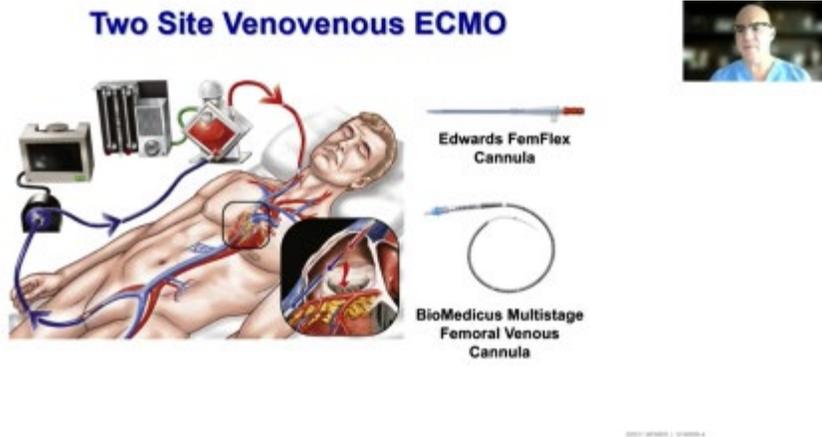
## STS Welcomes Rafael Sádaba as International Director

Dr. Rafael Sádaba joins the STS Board of Directors as its new International Director, continuing in the steps of Dr. Domenico Pagano. Dr. Sádaba is an associated clinical professor at the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain, and head of Cardiovascular Research and Innovation at the Navarra Hospital Complex. He also serves as the Secretary General for EACTS. Learn more about STS leadership—and how you can get involved—on the [Governance and Leadership page](#).



## Deep Dive Series Launches with Critical Care Essentials

Complementing the popular 8 in 8 videos, the [STS Deep Dive Series](#) provides experts with a little more time to take in-depth looks at important cardiothoracic topics. The free-to-watch series launched with four videos highlighting must-know techniques in critical care. Current videos include Initiation of VV ECMO for COVID Patients, Post-Cardiotomy ECMO Support, and a two-part offering of Perioperative Care of the Aortic Surgical Patient, covering aortic dissection and proximal/aortic arch surgery as well as managing the unique challenges of aortic aneurysm surgery.



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## Career Blog Explores Science, Setbacks, and Success

The STS Career Development Blog gives you access to lessons learned from surgeon experiences. Catch up with the latest posts:

- Dr. Joseph Phillips explains how you can set yourself apart in your research endeavors with [Advancing Basic/Translational Science through Collaboration](#).
  - In [The Bounce: Overcoming Setbacks in Your Life](#), Dr. Thomas Varghese details steps you can take to establish stability in a seemingly uncontrollable situation, with a specific focus on your professional career.
  - "[Ancora Imparo](#)"—"Yet, I am learning"—is the theme of Dr. Damien LaPar's treatise on continually seeking new knowledge and skills, no matter what your surgical experience, as the key to personal and professional success.
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## New Podcast Episodes Provide Hours of Listening and Learning

Season 2 of “Same Surgeon, Different Light”—with extraordinary stories and inspirational experiences shared from cardiothoracic surgeons around the world—is expected to launch soon. Meanwhile, “Beyond the Abstract” and “The Resilient Surgeon” have new episodes you may have missed:

- Delving further into [an article published in \*The Annals\*](#), coauthors Drs. Lauren Kane and Leah Backhus talk to host Dr. Thomas Varghese about how scholarships and mentorship in cardiothoracic surgery have had [a positive impact on career paths](#) and interest in the specialty.
- In a recent episode of “The Resilient Surgeon,” Dr. Michael Maddaus interviews [Dr. Suniya Luthar](#), professor emerita at the Teachers College, Columbia University, who talks about her research on building supportive, authentic connections in the face of stress.
- In another episode of “The Resilient Surgeon,” the tables are turned on [Dr. Maddaus](#) as he shares with guest host Dr. Wayne Sotile a raw and honest account of his own past, including a poor and abusive alcoholic upbringing, 24 arrests as a juvenile, five stints in reform school, and a devastating personal fall following his addiction to prescription narcotics.



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