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What topics would you like to read about in the next edition of International Connection? The Society would like your feedback and suggestions in order to provide you with the most relevant resources and information. Please send your feedback to communications@sts.org.

STS 2021 Early Bird Reg Prices Available through December 15

Take advantage of special member rates and early bird pricing for [STS 2021](#). The virtual annual meeting, Friday through Sunday, January 29-31, will offer a mix of on-demand and broadcast content, with translation in multiple languages! The meeting will include prerecorded and live elements, panel discussions, attendee chat features, and industry symposia, as well as wellness and social events and virtual exhibit hall. A Sunday joint session is planned with the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery on “Conduct of Operation: Cannulation, Circulation, and Arch Management.”

STS 2021 also will feature “[Immersive Video Experiences](#)” that will allow participants to get a 360° view of the operating room while a surgical luminary is performing a procedure. These world-renowned surgeons include Drs. Joseph Bavaria, Robert Cerfolio, Vinod Thourani, Shanda Blackmon, and Joseph Dearani. An all-access pass to this course series is available for an extra charge. Make sure you [register today](#)—if you’re among the first 1,000 registrants, you will receive an STS-branded fitness cooling towel! Early bird rates end Tuesday, December 15.



Surgeon Offers Suggestions on Closing Gender Gap in the Specialty

[A recent editorial in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*](#) highlighted the differences between male and female cardiothoracic surgeons when it comes to career satisfaction, salary, educational debt, rates of burnout, and other factors. In the latest installment of *In the News—A Surgeon's View*, "[Examining Gender Differences in CT Surgery: Is 'Good Money' the Same as 'Fair Money'?](#)," Dr. HelenMari Merritt-Genore explains what the findings mean for cardiothoracic surgery, provides her view on women in the specialty, and offers recommendations on how to close the gender gap.

New Podcast Episodes Provide Inside Look at Surgeon Leaders

Drs. Joanna Chikwe, Doug Mathisen, and Leah Backhus are the latest surgeons featured in the Society's new podcast series, "[Same Surgeon, Different Light](#)." This series highlights the triumphs, personal obstacles, tradeoffs, and pivotal moments that have helped make these surgeons the leaders they are today. You can find the podcast on the Society's Surgical Hot Topics channel via your favorite podcast app. You also can [listen to the episodes](#) on the STS website.

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