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# International Connection



***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](mailto:communications@sts.org).***

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## STS 2021 Goes Virtual

The all virtual [2021 STS Annual Meeting](#), taking place Friday, January 29 to Sunday, January 31, will include an immersive digital experience that offers a blend of content and community. Attendees will have the opportunity to experience recorded and live content, panel discussions, 360-degree videos, networking events, and more. The convenience of the virtual platform and on-demand sessions will make it easier than ever for attendees to join no matter their time zones or locations. Registration for STS 2021 is expected to open in November. [Read more about STS 2021](#) in the fall issue of *STS News*.



## Tune in to New Podcast Series

“Same Surgeon, Different Light” is a new podcast series from the Society designed to demystify cardiothoracic surgery and provide insight into the men and women behind the surgical masks. The series is hosted by Drs. David Cooke and Tom Varghese, who uncover the obstacles, triumphs, tradeoffs, and pivotal moments that have shaped the careers and personal missions of their guests, including UK native Dr. Joanna Chikwe (episode will be available on October 30). So far, the series has featured Drs. [Bob Higgins](#) and [Rich Prager](#). You can find “Same Surgeon, Different Light” on the Society’s [Surgical Hot Topics](#) channel or subscribe to it via your favorite podcast app.



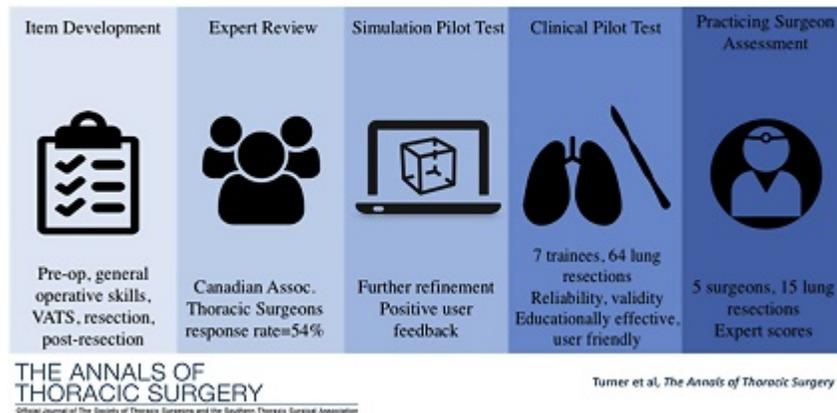
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## Visual Abstract Templates Now Available

The Society’s peer-reviewed journal, *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, now has available [visual abstract templates with detailed instructions](#) for authors who want to add graphic elements to their original research articles. Visual abstracts can help readers quickly gain an understanding of an article’s main message, as well as help readers identify research most

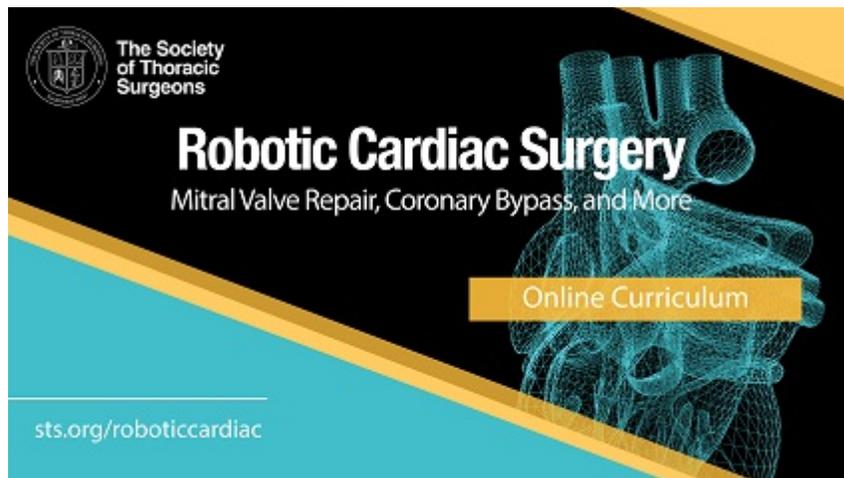
relevant to their interests. To see how researchers have used graphic elements to illustrate their findings, you can view a [list of articles with visual abstracts](#) on *The Annals* website.

## Assessing Performance of Anatomic Lung Resection



## Further Your Knowledge with Robotic Cardiac Surgery Online Curriculum

A series of on-demand and live virtual sessions are available through the Society as part of a comprehensive online curriculum in robotic cardiac surgery. [“Robotic Cardiac Surgery: Mitral Valve Repair, Coronary Bypass, and More”](#) is designed for surgeons and teams of all levels of experience. The sessions offer cutting-edge information on mitral valve repair, coronary bypass, and other procedures, led by world-renowned surgeon instructors, including Drs. Rakesh Suri, Paul Modi, Francesco Musumeci, and Jean-Luc Jansens. The online curriculum will roll out one session at a time over a 6-month period. The [full course](#) is available for purchase, as are [individual sessions](#).



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## 8 in 8 Series Adds Four New Videos

Four new videos have been added to the Society's 8 in 8 Series, a collection that offers clear, quick explanations of complex cardiothoracic surgery topics. These quick-take videos are narrated by experts in the field who describe one subject in 8 minutes, using eight slides. Two of the topics included in this new batch of videos are extracorporeal membrane oxygenation in lung transplantation and right ventricular failure in cardiac surgery. View the 8 in 8 videos on the [Society's website](#) or via the [STS YouTube channel](#).



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## Multisociety Expert Consensus Documents Available on Valve Selection, PC-ECLS

STS and other societies, including the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, recently released two new expert consensus documents, [“Essential Information on Surgical Heart Valve Characteristics for Optimal Valve Prosthesis Selection,”](#) by Dr. Andras Durko and colleagues, and [“Post-Cardiotomy Extracorporeal Life Support \(PC-ECLS\) in Adult Patients,”](#) by Dr. Roberto Lorusso and colleagues. These documents were published jointly in *The Annals* and in the journals of the other participating societies.



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