



Innovation and Partnership: Advancing APP Care in Cardiothoracic Surgery

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026

Ernest Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. CT

This program highlights the evolving role of APPs in cardiothoracic surgery and the enhanced impact created through strong surgeon collaboration. It provides clinical updates and practical strategies for building high-performing teams, developing effective training programs, and driving innovation.

Key takeaways include:

- Building an adult pectus program and the APP's role in performing diagnostics, lung cancer staging, and continuity of care.
- Developing APP–surgeon partnerships and driving program efficiency.
- Practical strategies to create effective orientation programs and sustainable CTS APP fellowships.
- Aortic screening and management of patients with congenital heart disease and implementing ERAS to improve outcomes.
- Trial data on patient-reported outcomes following minimally invasive CABG and updates on secondary prevention after CABG.
- APPs developing as clinical educators, researchers, and leaders and achieving professional fulfillment.

Who should attend? Professionals who are passionate about:

- Expanded APP roles in cardiothoracic surgery
- Improving patient outcomes and quality of care
- Strengthening collaboration between APPs and surgeons
- Evidence-based perioperative practice

Register for the symposium only with a one-day pass—or stay for the entire STS Annual Meeting! Attend sessions in every discipline and subspecialty of cardiothoracic surgery.



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