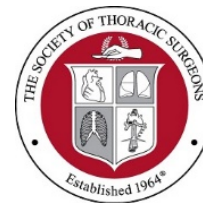


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Dear CT Surgery Resident:

You are invited to participate in the 2018 Cardiothoracic Surgery Jeopardy Competition for North America.

Presented by The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Jeopardy is a challenging cognitive skills competition that is similar to the popular television game show. The North American competition is for two-person teams of residents enrolled in an ACGME- and/or a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada-approved thoracic surgery residency program. Congenital and ICU residents/fellows, as well as past Jeopardy finalists, are *not* eligible to participate.

The North American competition will be held during the STSA Annual Meeting in November. The winning North American team will compete against the winning European team (as determined at the EACTS Annual Meeting) for the Cardiothoracic Surgery Resident Jeopardy Competition title during the STS Annual Meeting in January. *See important dates below.*

Residents interested in participating will need to sign up with a partner (an eligible resident from the same program) and take an *individual* survey and an *individual* online qualifying exam between August 13 and August 27.

For the online qualifying exam, individuals will be given one attempt at answering 60 questions in 20 minutes. Individual scores will be combined for each team, and the top six teams will be invited to the live competition at the STSA Annual Meeting.

Winners of the live competition will be designated as the North America 2018 Resident Jeopardy Winners. All live competition participants will receive a plaque; members of the winning team each will receive \$500, and the runners-up each will receive \$50. STS will pay for travel, hotel, and meal expenses (for 2 days) for the top six teams to attend the STSA Annual Meeting. STS also will pay for travel, hotel, and meal expenses (for 2 days) for the North American winners to attend the championship competition in San Diego, California, in January.

If you are interested in entering the Jeopardy competition, visit [sts.org/jeopardy-signup-2018](https://sts.org/jeopardy-signup-2018) to sign up **by Wednesday, August 8, 2018**. If you have questions, contact [education@sts.org](mailto:education@sts.org).

We look forward to seeing you at STSA! Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Ara A. Vaporciyan, MD**, Chair, *STS Workforce on E-Learning and Educational Innovation*  
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## Important Dates

- **July 16–August 8, 2018** Sign-ups begin
- **August 13–27, 2018** *Individual* survey & screening exams
- November 7–10, 2018 STSA Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL
- **November 8–9, 2018** **North American Competition, STSA**
- January 27–29, 2019 STS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- **January 27, 2019** **Jeopardy Championship, STS**