The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

55TH ANNUAL MEETING

Program, Registration, and Housing

San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, California
January 27-29, 2019

Register today at sts.org/annualmeeting
YOU’RE INVITED

Please join me and more than 2,100 of our colleagues from around the world as we gather January 27–29 in San Diego, California, for the STS 55th Annual Meeting.

The first time the Society held its annual meeting in San Diego was 1969; most recently, we’ve been meeting in California’s “beach city” every 4 years because attendees really love San Diego’s spectacular coastline, sophisticated dining options, and near-perfect weather.

You’ll have ample time to explore the city before and after the meeting because we’ve rearranged the schedule to provide you with an array of scientific abstract presentations, distinguished lectures, debates, technical videos, and hands-on sessions over a 3-day period, rather than the previous 4 days.

As part of the new schedule, a standalone Coding Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, and Tech-Con will be held Saturday. The Annual Meeting will kick off on Sunday morning with STS University followed by an opening plenary session, featuring the J. Maxwell Chamberlain Memorial Papers and the Thomas B. Ferguson Lecture by Laurie H. Glimcher, MD, President and CEO of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Following the lecture, you can attend the Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall and my President’s Reception at the historic Hotel del Coronado.

You won’t want to miss any part of the meeting, especially my Presidential Address on Monday morning and the C. Walton Lillehei Lecture on Tuesday morning by Eric Topol, MD, a cardiologist and geneticist specializing in the use of artificial intelligence, “deep” data, and smart technology for individualized treatment approaches. Both Monday and Tuesday also will feature an interesting selection of sessions that will appeal to every discipline and every member of the cardiothoracic surgery team.

Although the meeting schedule will be more compact, you won’t miss a thing because access to the STS 55th Annual Meeting Online will be included with registration—a bonus that will let you review all the outstanding educational content from your home or office throughout the next year. Please make plans now to join your colleagues this January. In this Program, Registration, and Housing brochure, you’ll find a program outline, course descriptions, and agendas to help you plan your schedule. You’ll also find registration instructions and information on travel and housing accommodations.

I look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

Keith S. Naunheim, MD
President, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

WHAT’S NEW

● New STS University courses include robotic lobectomy, video-assisted sleeve lobectomy, and percutaneous transseptal access for transcatheter mitral valve repair/replacement.

● A new session will explore the challenges faced by cardiothoracic surgeons early in their careers and provide solutions so that they can be successful.

● New results from the recent STS/WTS Sexual Harassment and Gender Bias Survey will be highlighted in a session on unconscious bias organized by Women in Thoracic Surgery.

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STS 55th Annual Meeting: The Society of Thoracic Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 23.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

STS is currently seeking approval to provide perfusion credit.
Friday, January 25
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Registration

Saturday, January 26
STS TECH-CON 2019
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Registration
7:00 AM – 6:30 PM
Tech-Con Exhibits
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
BREAKFAST—Visit Tech-Con Exhibits
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Tech-Con Adult Cardiac Track I: New Technologies in Ischemic, Heart Failure, and Atrial Fibrillation Surgery
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Sunday, January 27
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Registration
7:00 AM – 12:00 PM
The Multidisciplinary Team: How We Do It
8:00 AM – 9:45 AM
STS University (Session I)
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Adult Congenital Heart Disease Symposium: Planning for the Future—Aortic Arch Anomalies and the Failing Fontan
CHEST @ STS: Interventional Bronchoscopy
Critical Care Symposium: Cutting-Edge Strategies for Cardiothoracic Critical Care Emergencies and Evolving Technologies
Practice Management Summit
SCA @ STS: Integrating Perioperative Echocardiography in Cardiac Surgical Clinical Decision-Making for Challenging Cases
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Residents Symposium: Transitioning From Residency to a Successful Practice
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM
STS University (Session II)
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Lunch
Residents Luncheon
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Ethics Debate: Bespoke Babies—Genome Editing in Cystic Fibrosis Embryos
How to Write a Great Review: Essential Components of Outstanding Peer Reviews
Key Contacts: Advocates for Cardiothoracic Surgery
Research Using the STS National Database
STS/CATS/CSCS: Innovative Techniques in Thoracic Surgery
Unconscious Bias (organized by Women in Thoracic Surgery)
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Opening Reception in STS Exhibit Hall
4:45 PM – 5:55 PM
Jeopardy Championship
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
2019 The Thoracic Surgery Foundation Awards Announcement and VIP Reception (by invitation only)
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Poster Presentations
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
President’s Reception: Hotel del Coronado

Indicates that a ticket is required to attend.
Monday, January 28

6:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Registration

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Exhibit Hall

7:15 AM – 9:15 AM
Career Navigation and Development: Hot Topics to Enhance Your First 7 Years of Practice
Congenital: Pediatric Congenital I
EACTS @ STS: Which Arch Operation Should I Do? Decision-Making During Type A Dissection Repair
ESTS @ STS: Controversial Issues in General Thoracic Surgery—Perspectives From Europe and North America
STS/ISHLT Joint Symposium

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM
Basic Science Research: Adult Cardiac
Basic Science Research: General Thoracic
Diversity and Inclusion in Cardiothoracic Surgery: What Is the Real Value?

9:30 AM – 12:15 PM
Plenary Session
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM
Featured Abstract Presentations

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM
BREAK—Visit Exhibits and Scientific Posters

11:00 AM – 11:10 AM
Introduction of the President: Robert S. D. Higgins

11:10 AM – 12:15 PM
Presidential Address: Keith S. Naunheim

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM
Business Meeting (STS Members Only)

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
STS-PAC Reception
Open to 2019 STS-PAC contributors

Tuesday, January 29

6:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Registration

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Exhibit Hall

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Adult Cardiac: General
Adult Cardiac: Mitral and Tricuspid Valves
Congenital: Pediatric Congenital III
General Thoracic: Lung Cancer II
General Thoracic: Mediastinal/Pulmonary
Pain Management

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
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5:15 PM – 5:30 PM
How-To Video Session: Technical Tips to Avoid Pitfalls and Simplify Congenital and Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Procedures
How-To Video Session: General Thoracic
“My Tube” Adult Cardiac How-To Video Session
Patient Safety Symposium: Innovation and Safety in the Digital Era—From EHRs to Cybersecurity
SATURDAY
JANUARY 26 | TECH-CON 2019

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Tech-Con Exhibits

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8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Adult Cardiac Track I: New Technologies in Ischemic, Heart Failure, and Atrial Fibrillation Surgery
MODERATORS: Husam H. Balkhy, Chicago, IL, Mark S. Slaughter, Louisville, KY, and John M. Stulak, Rochester, MN

Atrial Fibrillation
8:00 AM  Minimally Invasive Left Atrial Appendage Closure Through the Transverse Sinus: Why and How I Do It
Niv Ad, Morgantown, WV

8:08 AM  Sophisticated Mapping in the OR During Surgical Ablation: How to Do It With or Without Your Electrophysiologist
Gianluigi Bisleri, Kingston, Canada

8:16 AM  Panel Discussion

Heart Failure
8:22 AM  High-Risk Cardiac Surgery Using Temporary Circulatory Support: How I Do It
Edward G. Soltesz, Cleveland, OH

8:30 AM  Smartphone App to Facilitate Donor Organ Harvesting
Robert W. Emery, Minneapolis, MN

8:38 AM  Is Subvalvular Repair Worthwhile in Severe Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation?
Masashi Komeda, Daito, Japan

8:46 AM  Panel Discussion

Ischemia
8:56 AM  Noninvasive Imaging for Coronary Bypass: What’s New in Anatomic and Functional Evaluation of Coronary Artery Disease
Matthew Budoff, Torrance, CA

9:04 AM  Advanced Hybrid Coronary Revascularization: Are Two Internal Mammary Artery Grafts Better Than One?
Husam H. Balkhy, Chicago, IL

9:12 AM  Arterial Grafts: Lessons Learned From Arterial and Radial
David P. Taggart, Oxford, United Kingdom

9:20 AM  Panel Discussion

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
General Thoracic Track I: New Technologies in Lung and Chest Wall Surgery
MODERATORS: Lisa M. Brown, Sacramento, CA, and Linda W. Martin, Charlottesville, VA

8:00 AM  A Novel Wireless Surgical Marker for Small Lung Lesions
Yojiro Yutaka, Kyoto, Japan

8:12 AM  First Use of the ArtiSential Suite of Articulated Instruments in Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery
Joel Dunning, Middlesbrough, United Kingdom

8:24 AM  Update on Robotic Bronchoplasty Techniques
Lana Y. Schumacher, Pittsburgh, PA

8:36 AM  Novel Applications of Titanium Mesh in Thoracic Surgery
Anthony D. Cassano, Richmond, VA

8:48 AM  State-of-the-Art in Chest Wall and Diaphragm Reconstruction: Current Materials and Techniques
Reza J. Mehran, Houston, TX

9:00 AM  A Novel Approach to Patient Engagement
Alden M. Parsons, Raleigh, NC

9:12 AM  Targeted Lung Denervation to Treat Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
Malcolm M. DeCamp, Madison, WI

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM
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Adult Cardiac Track II: New Technologies in Aortic and Structural Heart Disease
MODERATORS: Gilbert H. Tang, New York, NY, and Tsuyoshi Kaneko, Boston, MA

10:15 AM  Aortic Valve Repair Technology and Devices: Where Are We Going?
Y. Joseph Woo, Stanford, CA

10:23 AM  PHASTER: Proximal Hybrid Aortic Stent Graft for Extended Repair
Eric E. Roselli, Cleveland, OH

10:31 AM  Branched Endografts for the Aortic Arch
Ourania A. Preventza, Houston, TX

10:39 AM  Panel Discussion

10:49 AM  Minimally Invasive Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement in Mitral Annular Calcification: Pearls and Pitfalls
Tom C. Nguyen, Houston, TX

10:57 AM  Transapical Mitral Replacement With Anterior Leaflet Splitting: A Novel Technique to Avoid Left Ventricular Outflow Tract Obstruction
Richard Lee, Augusta, GA

11:05 AM  Update on New Transcatheter Mitral Replacement Devices
Michael J. Reardon, Houston, TX

11:13 AM  Panel Discussion

11:23 AM  A New Sutureless Device to Repair Mitral Chords
Thierry P. Carrel, Bern, Switzerland

11:31 AM  First-in-Man Implantation of a Novel Balloon-Adjustable Mitral Ring
Martin Andreas, Vienna, Austria

11:39 AM  Tricuspid Extracellular Matrix Cylinder Valves in Endocarditis: Earliest Steps to In-Human Valve Generation
Marc W. Gerdisch, Indianapolis, IN

11:47 AM  Panel Discussion

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**Tech-Con 2019**  
**Saturday | January 26**
The Multidisciplinary Team: How We Do It

This session will provide an opportunity for Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) and other health care professionals to gain knowledge that will help them improve the care of cardiothoracic surgery patients. Topics will include multidisciplinary care delivery models, goal-directed perfusion, management of hemorrhage, and enhanced recovery protocols. Every member of the cardiothoracic surgery team, including nurses, physician assistants, perfusionists, and others involved in patient care improvement, will benefit from participating in this session.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss recent innovations in cardiothoracic surgical management that improve patient care
- Identify important areas of clinical research that impact the cardiothoracic surgery patient
- Develop strategies for implementing care improvements locally
- Describe various approaches to cardiothoracic service line APP training and staffing models
- Identify opportunities and strategies that support a "culture of safety" in the multidisciplinary team

MODERATORS: Jill R. Engel, Durham, NC, and Stefano Schena, Baltimore, MD

10:45 AM

An Implementation Science Approach to Redesigning Handoffs After Cardiothoracic Surgery

T. R. Geoffriau, I. Lynch, E. Tsai, W. Hsu, A. Timmons, E. Phelps, P. E. Greilich

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas

10:55 AM

Autologous Blood Donation Leads to Better Outcomes in Cardiac Surgery

E. Zimmermann, D. V. Avgerinos1, R. Zhu2, T. Ogami2
1Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY, 2NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens, Flushing, NY

11:05 AM

Postoperative Complications After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement and Impact on Resource Utilization: Does Experience Matter?

A. K. Okoh1, B. Haik1, C. Chen1, M. Cohen1, M. J. Russo2
1Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, New Jersey, NJ, 2RWJBarnabas Health, Newark, NJ

11:15 AM

Building a Culture of Safety Within a Heart Center: What’s In It for Me?

Brittany A. Zwischenberger, Durham, NC

11:40 AM

Closing Remarks

STS University (Session I)

STS University courses feature only hands-on learning. No didactic lectures will be given during the activity, so attendees are encouraged to access the lectures online before Sunday morning at sts.org/stsuniversity.

Course 1: Essentials of TAVR

COURSE DIRECTORS: Isaac George, New York, NY, and George L. Zorn, Kansas City, KS

Proficiency in transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) requires the acquisition of multiple endovascular principles and techniques. This course will introduce attendees to balloon-expandable and self-expanding TAVR platforms, as well as the various sheaths, guidewires, and catheters relevant to TAVR. Basics of alternative TAVR access will be discussed, as will the operations of various delivery systems.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe the decision-making process for choosing a TAVR access point (transfemoral, direct aortic, subclavian artery, and transapical)
- State the salient differences in the deployment of balloon-expanded vs self-expanding devices
- Describe the various types of sheaths and guidewires used during the TAVR procedure and understand reasons for their use
- Explain the procedural technique for valve deployment from start to finish in both native aortic stenosis and valve-in-valve TAVR
Course 2: TEVAR and Aortic Arch Debranching Procedures
COURSE DIRECTORS: Nimesh Desai, Philadelphia, PA, and Ourania A. Preventza, Houston, TX
This course will review basic catheter and wire skills for thoracic endovascular aortic repair (TEVAR). Participants will have hands-on experience with thoracic stent grafts and intravascular ultrasound (IVUS), as well as using vascular plugs for the brachial or femoral approach. Surgical techniques for zone 0-2 aortic arch debranching procedures will be discussed.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- Identify the most common catheters and wires for TEVAR
- Describe the deployment of commercially available stent grafts
- Explain the use of IVUS and vascular plugs for subclavian artery occlusion
- Describe the surgical techniques used in aortic arch debranching

Course 3: Mitral Valve Repair
COURSE DIRECTORS: Pavan Atluri, Philadelphia, PA, and Evelio Rodriguez, Nashville, TN
In this course, participants will be able to practice different mitral valve repair strategies for both anterior and posterior leaflet pathologies. These will include leaflet resection and non-resection techniques, commissural repair strategies, and different chordal approaches. In addition, different surgical therapies for secondary mitral regurgitation, including ring selection, leaflet extension techniques, and mitral valve replacement, will be reviewed.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- Describe different leaflet resection and non-resection approaches, in addition to different chordal techniques required for successful mitral valve repair
- Identify advance repair techniques for both primary and secondary mitral regurgitation
- Demonstrate proper mitral valve replacement techniques

Course 4: Valve-Sparing Aortic Root Replacement – Reimplantation
COURSE DIRECTORS: Michael P. Fischbein, Stanford, CA, and Bo Yang, Ann Arbor, MI
This course will provide interactive, hands-on instruction of the surgical techniques and critical steps necessary for performing a successful valve-sparing aortic root replacement (VSRR) – reimplantation technique.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- Describe the anatomy of the aortic root
- Outline the key components to maintain a competent aortic valve
- Summarize the technical steps necessary for a successful VSRR
- List different methods in choosing a graft size
- Discuss aortic valve leaflet repair

Course 5: Aortic Root Enlargement Procedures and Aortic Valve Leaflet Reconstruction
COURSE DIRECTORS: S. Adil Husain, San Antonio, TX, and Joseph W. Turek, Durham, NC
This course will review two specialized subareas of technical expertise required to perform complex aortic root surgery. Participants will learn the anatomic approaches and surgical techniques employed in performing aortic root enlarging procedures, as well as aortic valve leaflet reconstructive techniques and the importance of providing annular stabilization in the context of a repaired aortic valve. Surgical strategies for root enlargement will include Nicks, Manoujian, and Ross Kono. Surgical techniques involving aortic valve leaflet reconstruction will include primary simple cusp plication techniques, patch augmentation technique, Gore-Tex free margin shortening technique, and orienting the repaired bicuspid aortic valve into its aortic neo-root.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- Identify the anatomy and appropriate surgical landmarks in the left ventricular outflow tract and aortic valve apparatus
- Describe the incision sites and overall surgical techniques for a variety of root enlargement strategies
- Discuss surgical pitfalls associated with each strategy and mechanisms by which to delineate options based upon patient and anatomic substrate
- Describe how to set up and expose the aortic root for primary valve repair and identify the risk factors for repair failure based on the anatomy of the aortic valve
- Recall the different aortic annular stabilization techniques and recognize the impact of each technique on valve repair – subcommissural annuloplasty, external aortic ring, and root reimplantation
- Identify different bicuspid aortic valve types and explain the implications for valve repair and the choice of annular stabilization
- Demonstrate how to implant a type I bicuspid aortic valve in the context of its neoroot and explain what the different bicuspid subtypes mean for orienting the repaired valve when performing a root reimplantation

Course 6: VATS Lobectomy
COURSE DIRECTORS: DuyKhanh P. Ceppa, Indianapolis, IN, and Jeremiah Martin, Portsmouth, OH
This course will review the indications, patient selection, technical steps, and recent advances for performance of lobectomy using video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS). Participants will be able to perform a VATS left upper lobectomy on porcine heart-lung blocks.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- Describe the indications and steps to perform VATS
- Discuss potential pitfalls and strategies for intraoperative troubleshooting to successfully achieve minimally invasive lobectomy
- Identify instruments and other technologies available to perform minimally invasive lobectomy

Course 7: Advanced Open Esophageal and Tracheal Procedures
COURSE DIRECTORS: Christopher R. Morse, Boston, MA, and Jonathan Nesbitt, Nashville, TN
This course will provide hands-on training for several esophageal anastomosis techniques, as well as airway anastomosis and repair. These advanced operative techniques are not frequently utilized in most general thoracic surgery practices, but competence in these techniques is important. Participants will be introduced to several techniques for airway and esophageal reconstruction with emphasis on the different technical aspects (“pearls”) of the anastomosis from content experts.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- Perform different types of esophageal anastomoses, including hand-sewn and hybrid hand-sewn/stapled
- Recognize the technical pitfalls associated with various complex airway resecion and anastomoses
- Identify the key steps of tracheobronchoplasty
Course 8: Complex Chest Wall Issues for the Thoracic Surgeon: Reconstruction After Tumor Resection, Pectus Deformities, and Rib Fractures

COURSE DIRECTORS: Staci Beamer, Phoenix, AZ, and Dawn E. Jaroszewski, Phoenix, AZ

In this hands-on course, participants will learn the various techniques for reconstruction of large chest wall defects after resection. Other highlights of the course include stabilization of rib and sternal fractures using the most current reconstruction systems and minimally invasive repair of adult pectus excavatum defects. At the end of this course, participants should be able to independently design and perform reconstruction of the chest wall for various indications.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Perform rigid and semi-rigid reconstruction of chest wall defects after resection, including the ribs and sternum
• Demonstrate how to stabilize single and multiple rib fractures using rib fixation devices
• Use sternal fixation devices to stabilize the sternum
• Perform minimally invasive repair of adult pectus excavatum defects

Course 9: Minimally Invasive Aortic and Mitral Surgery

COURSE DIRECTORS: Tom C. Nguyen, Houston, TX, and Juan P. Umana, Bogota, Colombia

Cardiothoracic surgeons face an increased demand to adopt minimally invasive valve techniques. Unfortunately, acquiring this skillset can be difficult in real-world practice. The objective of this course is to provide hands-on experience with the newest techniques in minimally invasive aortic and mitral valve surgeries. Participants will work in alternating pairs at each station to learn critical exposure and cannulation techniques for minimally invasive aortic (right anterior thoracotomy and hemisternotomy) and mitral (lateral thoracotomy) valve surgeries. Participants will then have an opportunity to perform aortic and mitral valve repair/replacement using simulators under both direct vision and via thorascopic guidance. For aortic valve replacements, participants will gain exposure to sutureless and rapid-deployment technologies. At the conclusion of the course, a handout will be distributed with a list of key instruments for minimally invasive valve surgery and suggested steps for building a minimally invasive valve program.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Explain exposure (right anterior thoracotomy, hemisternotomy, and lateral thoracotomy), cannulation, and cardioprotection techniques for minimally invasive valve surgery
• Identify key operative steps for successful minimally invasive aortic and mitral valve surgeries, including sutureless and rapid deployment technologies
• Describe the indications and contraindications for minimally invasive valve surgery

Course 10: Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) Skills

COURSE DIRECTORS: Ralph W. Aye, Seattle, WA, and Inderpal S. Sarkaria, Pittsburgh, PA

This is a practical, hands-on course for learning peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) using an explant model. Participants will learn how to plan landmarks for the procedure, access the submucosal space and create a long submucosal tunnel extending through the gastroesophageal junction, perform myotomy, and close the mucosotomy. The standard tools and electrosurgery instruments for performing the procedure will be explored in detail.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Determine the proper landmarks for beginning and completing the procedure
• Create a submucosal tunnel
• Perform an endoscopic myotomy within the tunnel
• Close the mucosotomy

NEW! Course 11: Robotic Lobectomy

COURSE DIRECTORS: Edward Y. Chan, Houston, TX, Lana Y. Schumacher, Pittsburgh, PA, and Kazuhiro Yasufuku, Toronto, Canada

This course will provide cardiothoracic surgeons of all experience levels with a detailed overview of the critical elements needed to successfully perform a lobectomy using a da Vinci Xi robot. Participants will gain hands-on experience with the technical skills, robotic instrumentation, port placement, anatomic exposure, and surgical techniques of a robotic lobectomy.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Explain the different components of the robotic surgical platform
• Describe the fundamental skills on the robotic console
• State the basic technical skills necessary to perform robotic thoracic surgery
• Outline the critical steps for performing a robotic lobectomy

NEW! Course 12: VATS Sleeve Lobectomy

COURSE DIRECTORS: Thomas A. D’Amico, Durham, NC, and Todd L. Demmy, Buffalo, NY

This course will review the indications, patient selection, instrumentation, and technical steps for the performance of bronchial and arterial sleeve lobectomy using video-assisted thoroscopic surgery (VATS).

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Identify indications and contraindications for bronchial and arterial left upper lobe (LUL) sleeve lobectomy
• Identify key operative steps in obtaining exposure for LUL sleeve lobectomy
• Successfully complete thorascopic suture closures/anastomosis of secondary airway (either bronchoplasty or sleeve resection) and arterial sleeve in a tissue simulator
• Discuss tools and supplies that enhance VATS bronchial and arterial reconstruction
NEW! Course 13: Percutaneous Transseptal Access, Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair, and Mitral Valve-in-Valve Replacement

COURSE DIRECTORS: Tsuyoshi Kaneko, Boston, MA, and Gilbert H. Tang, New York, NY

Transcatheter and surgical mitral valve therapies are emerging as complementary options for treating mitral valve disease, and cardiothoracic surgeons are best positioned to offer their patients both options. As we’ve learned from transcatheter aortic valve replacement, the transvenous access/transseptal approach to transcatheter mitral valve replacement will, in time, predominate over the transapical approach. With the emergence of more transseptal transcatheter mitral valve repair and replacement devices, surgeons must acquire this skillset quickly to stay relevant in a rapidly evolving field. This course will expose participants to this important skill and myriad emerging transcatheter mitral technologies.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Recognize the imaging modalities necessary for transseptal access
- Perform transseptal access with necessary guidance
- Explain the importance of transseptal access for cardiothoracic surgeons

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Adult Congenital Heart Disease Symposium: Planning for the Future—Aortic Arch Anomalies and the Failing Fontan

This session will highlight surgical techniques used in neonatal surgery that may help prevent late complications of the arterial switch operation and coarctation or arch repair, as well as how to deal with those complications, if they do occur. Case studies have been added to help guide both adult and pediatric heart surgeons, who often must choose between multiple open and endovascular treatment options for adult congenital patients with complex problems. In addition, an update on the latest advances in lymphodynamics and a debate over single vs multigorgan transplant for the failing Fontan will be included.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe open surgical options for repair of adult coarctation of the aorta
- Describe endovascular options for repair of adult coarctation and recurrent coarctation
- Explain techniques for preventing late complications of coarctation
- Identify techniques for preventing late complications of the arterial switch operation
- Discuss which patients are better candidates for multigorgan transplantation after single ventricle palliation

MODERATORS: Joseph A. Dearani, Rochester, MN, Eric N. Feins, Boston, MA, Joshua L. Hermsen, Madison, WI, Robert D. B. Jaquiss, Dallas, TX, and Jennifer S. Nelson, Chapel Hill, NC

8:00 AM     Arch Anomalies and Vascular Rings in the Adult: Open Approaches
Alberto Fochettino, Rochester, MN

8:15 AM     Coarctation and Arch Anomalies in the Adult: Endovascular Approaches
Gustavo S. Oderich, Rochester, MN

8:30 AM     Failing to Plan: Late Sequelae of Coarctation
Thomas E. MacGillivray, Houston, TX

8:45 AM     Planning for the Future: Coarctation and Arch Anomalies in Children
James S. Tweddell, Cincinnati, OH

9:00 AM     Coarctation Case Discussion

9:20 AM     Failing to Plan: Late Sequelae of the Arterial Switch Operation
Frank G. Scholl, Hollywood, FL

9:35 AM     Planning for the Future: Arterial Switch Operation
Viktor Hraska, Milwaukee, WI

9:50 AM     Panel Discussion

10:10 AM    Break

10:20 AM    Failing Fontan: Liver Surveillance
Christopher Francois, Madison, WI

10:40 AM    Failing Fontan: Heart/Liver Transplant Is Better
Stephanie M. Fuller, Philadelphia, PA

10:52 AM    Failing Fontan: Heart-Only Transplant Is Better
Charles B. Huddleston, St Louis, MO

11:04 AM    Lymphodynamics
Vibeke E. Hjortdal, Aarhus, Denmark

11:24 AM    Transplant Case Discussion and Panel Discussion

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CHEST @ STS: Interventional Bronchoscopy

Cardiothoracic surgeons are essential in diagnosing and treating lung nodules and lung cancer. New technologies such as endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS), navigational bronchoscopy, and cutting-edge endobronchial therapeutics have changed the approach to lung cancer staging. However, many cardiothoracic surgeons have had little exposure to these techniques, and additional training is needed. This session will explore the most advanced techniques and equipment use for interventional bronchoscopy.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify indications, yield, and complications of EBUS
- Recognize benefits and limitations of airway ablative modalities
- State the benefits and limitations of various airway stents

MODERATORS: Momen M. Wahidi, Durham, NC, and Richard I. Whyte, Boston, MA

8:00 AM     Introduction

8:10 AM     EBUS-Guided Transbronchial Needle Aspiration of Mediastinal and Hilar Lymph Nodes
Momen M. Wahidi, Durham, NC

8:30 AM     Peripheral Bronchoscopy: Navigational Bronchoscopy and Radial EBUS
Alex Chen, St Louis, MO

8:50 AM     EBUS Case Scenarios

9:20 AM     Panel Discussion

9:45 AM     Break

10:00 AM    Therapeutic Bronchoscopy
Moishe A. Liberman, Montreal, Canada

10:20 AM    Management of Massive Hemothorax—Endoscopic and Surgical Management
Daniel P. McCarthy, Seattle, WA

10:40 AM    Marking Peripheral Targets for Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Resection: Percutaneous and Bronchoscopic Approaches
Kazuhiro Yasufuku, Toronto, Canada

11:00 AM    Subglottic Stenosis: Endoscopic Management
Alex Chee, Boston, MA

11:20 AM    Subglottic Stenosis: Surgical Management
Sudish C. Murthy, Cleveland, OH

11:40 AM    Panel Discussion
Critical Care Symposium: Cutting-Edge Strategies for Cardiothoracic Critical Care Emergencies and Evolving Technologies

Critical care emergencies in the cardiothoracic intensive care unit (ICU) pose unique challenges. Understanding these emergencies and their immediate interventions with state-of-the-art pharmacologic and mechanical therapeutic options is essential to the management of an increasingly complex cardiothoracic population. This symposium will address how to optimize patient outcomes and innovative approaches to handling emergencies. Topics will include extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation (E-CPR), post-cardiotomy extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), urgent respiratory deterioration requiring sophisticated ventilator modes or veno-veno (VV) ECMO, anticoagulation treatment/monitoring strategies, pulmonary embolic events, hemodynamic collapse, and the potential role of early resternotomy.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- Identify management protocols for veno-arterial ECMO and E-CPR for optimal patient outcomes
- Delineate innovative management strategies and tactics in respiratory emergencies—advanced ventilatory management modes vs VV ECMO
- Delineate novel anticoagulation management protocols
- Identify and manage perioperative hemodynamic emergencies and the potential role of early resternotomy

MODERATORS: Rakesh C. Arora, Winnipeg, Canada, Subhasis Chatterjee, Houston, TX, Michael S. Firstenberg, Aurora, CO, Rita C. Milewski, Philadelphia, PA, and Glenn J. R. Whitman, Baltimore, MD

8:00 AM  Introduction

Cardiac Arrest and E-CPR
8:05 AM  Indications, Contraindications, and Outcomes for E-CPR
Jonathan W. Haft, Ann Arbor, MI
8:35 AM  Case Presentation With Audience Participation
Erik Osborne, Norfolk, VA

Respiratory Emergencies—Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) and Pulmonary Embolus
9:00 AM  Current Therapy for ARDS: Ventilator Modes vs VV ECMO—What Is the Evidence?
Cara Agerstrand, New York, NY
9:20 AM  Panel Discussion
9:30 AM  Appropriate Therapy for Pulmonary Embolus: When to Do What
Subhasis Chatterjee, Houston, TX
9:50 AM  Panel Discussion
10:00 AM  Break

Anticoagulation Dilemmas in the ICU
10:15 AM  Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia Diagnosis and Management
Ruzwan Manji, Winnipeg, Canada
10:35 AM  Non-Vitamin K Antagonist Oral Anticoagulant Reversal: Review of Strategies
Jerrold Levy, Atlanta, GA
10:55 AM  Optimal Monitoring for the Bleeding Patient—Diagnostic and Therapeutic Use of PTT/TEG/Xa Tests and How to Interpret
Glenn J. R. Whitman, Baltimore, MD

Hemodynamic Emergencies—Post-Cardiotomy Arrest
11:15 AM  Evidence for Early Emergency Resternotomy for the Management of Post-Cardiac Surgery Arrest
Joel Dunning, Middlesbrough, United Kingdom
11:30 AM  Implementation of Early Emergency Resternotomy Protocols for the Management of Post-Cardiac Surgery Arrest
Rosemary Timmerman, Anchorage, AK
11:45 AM  Panel Discussion

Practice Management Summit

Cardiothoracic surgeons are faced with myriad complex clinical and non-clinical organizational issues. For many in our specialty, understanding one’s value and being appropriately rewarded remains a challenge. The Practice Management Summit’s expert speakers will help address the cardiothoracic surgeon’s organizational value proposition. Speakers will address the US health care delivery model’s evolution and its impact upon the specialty. Additionally, the concepts of fair market value, relative value units (RVUs), the quality scorecard, and how to best negotiate with employers will be critically discussed by industry leaders.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- Negotiate a contract from a position of strength
- Explain the value proposition as it pertains to individual practice types
- Discuss the direction of health care and cardiothoracic surgery
- Leverage the cardiovascular service line structure to promote value
- Identify the dangers associated with variability in health care delivery

MODERATORS: Frank L. Fazzalari, Rochester, MI, and Paul S. Levy, Jonesboro, AR

8:00 AM  Introduction
8:10 AM  Restructuring Your Organization to Align With the New Realities in Health Care
Nathan Kaufman, San Diego, CA
8:30 AM  Contemplating Private Practice vs Institutional Employment: Local Environment and Timing Is Everything
Kevin D. Accola, Orlando, FL
8:50 AM  Updates From the STS Council on Health Policy and Relationships
Alan M. Speir, Falls Church, VA
9:10 AM  Panel Discussion
9:40 AM  Break
10:10 AM  Annual Update in Economic Survey Data, Trends, and Use
Michael N. Heaton, Indianapolis, IN
10:30 AM  Work RVU Employment Models—Professional Help Required!
Michael G. Moront, Toledo, OH
Steven V. Manoukian, Nashville, TN
11:10 AM  Compensation Agreements: Landmines and Lifesavers
Mark S. Kopson, Bloomfield Hills, MI
11:30 AM  Panel Discussion

Agendas and speakers subject to change
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
SCA @ STS: Integrating Perioperative Echocardiography in Cardiac Surgical Clinical Decision-Making for Challenging Cases

This session will address recent advances in the field of echocardiography, including continuously evolving technology for the treatment of valvular disease and new evidence regarding the appropriateness of already established procedures. New evidence regarding catheter-based procedures for mitral valve regurgitation and aortic valve stenosis (such as the MITRA-FR, COAPT, and SOLVE-TAVI trials) will be reviewed using a case-based format. Also, recent publications on the role of echocardiography in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy will be highlighted.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Describe the utility of echo anatomy and intraoperative echocardiographic analysis in surgical decision-making in open and percutaneous procedures
• Discuss the integration of echocardiographic measurements with new clinical evidence in certain patient populations as described in new clinical data
• Apply echocardiographic findings to case studies

MODERATORS: Jennifer S. Lawton, Baltimore, MD, and Alina Nicoara, Durham, NC

8:00 am  Introduction

Session I
8:10 am  Case I: Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement
MaryBeth Brady, Baltimore, MD
8:30 am  Panel Discussion
8:50 am  Case II: Complex Mitral Valve Repair for Degenerative Mitral Valve Disease
Georges Desjardins, Park City, UT
9:10 am  Panel Discussion
9:30 am  Case III: Management of Tricuspid Regurgitation in a Patient Undergoing Ventricular Assist Device Placement
Jacob T. Gutsche, Philadelphia, PA
9:50 am  Panel Discussion
10:10 am  Break

Session II
10:30 am  Case IV: Structural Heart Disease—Mitral Valve
Charles B. Nyman, Boston, MA
10:50 am  Panel Discussion
11:10 am  Case V: Challenges During Surgery for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
Alina Nicoara, Durham, NC
11:30 am  Panel Discussion
11:50 am  Wrap-Up

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Residents Symposium: Transitioning From Residency to a Successful Practice

This symposium is designed to provide cardiothoracic surgery residents with practical information regarding the transition from being a trainee to a practicing surgeon. The first session will examine various practice settings, including both community and academic environments. There will also be talks on the job search process and negotiating a contract. The second session will address transitioning into practice, early career development, and achieving personal financial security, as well as a successful work-life balance. Each session will be followed by small group table discussions led by experienced surgeons and a larger group discussion with the speakers.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Recognize the key steps needed for a successful job search
• Explain the differences between practicing in an academic environment, community hospital practice, and private practice
• Describe how to successfully negotiate a contract
• Identify the benchmarks for building clinical programs and early career development
• Describe the key steps in achieving personal financial security
• Identify methods for optimizing work-life balance as part of overall career planning

MODERATOR: Craig J. Baker, Los Angeles, CA

10:00 am  Introductory Remarks
Faiz Bhora, New York, NY, and Edward P. Chen, Atlanta, GA

Session I: Finding a Job
10:05 am  What’s Great About Working in a Private Practice or Hospital Employee Environment
Asad A. Shah, Newport Beach, CA
10:15 am  What’s Great About Working in an Academic Environment
Mara B. Antonoff, Houston, TX
10:25 am  Key Steps to Finding a Job
Rishindra M. Reddy, Ann Arbor, MI
10:35 am  Negotiating a Contract: Academic and Private Practice
Faiz Bhora, New York, NY
10:45 am  Discussion

Session II: Transition to Practice
11:00 am  Building a Successful Clinical Practice and Being an Effective Leader
Edward P. Chen, Atlanta, GA
11:10 am  Early Career Development and Getting Involved in Your Profession
W. Brent Keeling, Atlanta, GA
11:20 am  Achieving Personal Financial Security: Tips and Secrets
Frederick Y. Chen, Boston, MA
11:30 am  Achieving a Successful Work-Life Balance
Armin Kiankhooy, Charlottesville, VA
11:40 am  Discussion
STS University (Session II)
The courses from Session I will be repeated, offering attendees the chance to participate in more than one. See pages 9-12 for course descriptions.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Lunch
Residents Luncheon

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Ethics Debate: Bespoke Babies—Genome Editing in Cystic Fibrosis Embryos

Genome editing is on the threshold of clinical use, and there still are many unsettled questions as to its proper use and the underlying ethics. The Ethics Debate will consider a patient who has had a double lung transplant for cystic fibrosis and wants to have children who are free of his disease. In order to achieve this, he wants the genomes of any future embryos edited to replace a mutated cystic fibrosis gene, CFTR, with a normal gene. The presenters are experts in this field who have conflicting views of the proper use of genome editing tools such as CRISPR-Cas9.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Describe how various genome editing tools can be used to prevent or treat cardiothoracic diseases
• Discuss the ethical implications of genetically altering somatic cells vs germline cells
• Provide rudimentary advice to their patients about the uses of genome editing in their families, before referral to genetic counselors

MODERATOR: Thomas A. D’Amico, Durham, NC

1:00 PM  Introduction

1:05 PM  Cystic Fibrosis Genes Should Be Replaced With Normal Genes in Cystic Fibrosis Embryos
Kyle Brothers, Louisville, KY

1:20 PM  Cystic Fibrosis Genes Should Not Be Manipulated
Fyodor Umnov, Seattle, WA

1:35 PM  Rebuttal

1:45 PM  Q&A

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
How to Write a Great Review: Essential Components of Outstanding Peer Reviews

Consumers of medical literature expect peer-reviewed publications to be accurate, meaningful, and have high impact. Meeting this expectation requires a thorough and critical evaluation of submitted manuscripts through the peer-review process. An effective peer-review system will facilitate informed clinical practice changes that will enhance value-based care for patients and iteratively educate the entire field of cardiothoracic surgery. While this session is geared toward junior faculty and early career researchers, physicians and research personnel at all stages of their careers will gain contemporary perspectives on the process.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Describe the peer-review process and identify its importance to academic faculty
• Recognize the key elements of scientific manuscripts and identify the necessary components to include in a review of each element

MODERATOR: Kyle Brothers, Louisville, KY

1:00 PM  Introduction

1:05 PM  Why Surgeons Should Care About Peer Review
Elizabeth A. David, Pasadena, CA

1:15 PM  Key Elements of Scientific Manuscripts
Lisa M. Brown, Sacramento, CA

1:25 PM  Basic Study Design and Statistical Methods
Katie S. Nason, Springfield, MA

1:35 PM  Responding to Reviewer Comments and Preparing Revisions
Tara B. Karamlou, Phoenix, AZ

1:45 PM  Q&A

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Key Contacts: Advocates for Cardiothoracic Surgery

One way that cardiothoracic surgeons can have a direct impact on US federal policy affecting the specialty is by participating in the STS Key Contact program, which offers grassroots advocacy opportunities. This session will explain how the program works and outline the Society’s current advocacy priorities. In addition, Key Contacts will answer questions about their experience and role-play a meeting with a member of Congress, the Key Contact of the Year and other awards will be announced, and attendees will be able to socialize and network.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Describe how to meet or speak with their members of Congress
• Discuss the Society’s legislative priorities
• Explain how to utilize their peer Key Contacts as resources
• Identify the different types of advocacy opportunities available to them through the Key Contact program

MODERATORS: Nicholas Beek, Washington, DC, and Madeleine Stirling, Washington, DC

1:00 PM  Panel Discussion: On the Front Lines of STS Advocacy
John H. Calhoon, San Antonio, TX, J. Michael DiMaio, Dallas, TX, and Alykhan S. Nagji, Kansas City, KS

1:20 PM  Mock Congressional Meetings
Natalie S. Lui, Stanford, CA, and Amir A. Sarkeshik, Sacramento, CA

1:35 PM  Advocacy Priorities
Jess L. Thompson III, Oklahoma City, OK

1:45 PM  Awards and Networking
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Research Using the STS National Database
The STS National Database is a valuable tool for both quality improvement and research, and research utilizing the Database has grown exponentially in recent years. Still, many researchers may not be familiar with the different methods available for performing such research via the STS Research Center. This session will cover several Database-related research programs, including the Access and Publications (A&P) Research Program and the Participant User File (PUF) Research Program. In addition, speakers will discuss opportunities to pursue funded research using STS National Database data.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Distinguish between the different STS National Database research opportunities offered through the STS Research Center
• Explain the rules, processes, and expectations for the research programs
• Identify good practices for preparing a competitive proposal
• Explain how to access STS Research Center resources and staff assistance

MODERATOR: Felix G. Fernandez, Decatur, GA
1:00 PM  Introduction to STS Research
Felix G. Fernandez, Decatur, GA
1:05 PM  PUF Research Program: Policies and Procedures
Kevin W. Lobdell, Charlotte, NC
1:13 PM  PUF Research Program: Early Experience
Robert H. Habib, Chicago, IL
1:21 PM  Investigator Experience With the PUF Research Program
Bradley S. Taylor, Baltimore, MD
1:28 PM  A&P Research Program
Jeffrey P. Jacobs, St Petersburg, FL
1:36 PM  Funded Research Program
Matthew L. Williams, Philadelphia, PA
1:45 PM  Q&A

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

STS/CATS/CSCS: Innovative Techniques in Thoracic Surgery
Trends in the utilization of minimally invasive surgical techniques (video-assisted thoracoscopic and robotic) for anatomic pulmonary resection will be reviewed in this session with a focus on the benefits over open approaches and variation between robotic and non-robotic platforms. The challenges to adopting robotic approaches from an implementation and cost perspective also will be discussed. In addition, the session will focus on emerging technologies for advanced endobronchial interventions, both diagnostic and therapeutic, and will review the emergence of novel systems such as robotic three-dimensional bronchoscopy.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Explain the status of and trends in minimally invasive techniques for pulmonary resection
• Describe the potential benefits and pitfalls of adopting/implementing minimally invasive approaches
• Recall the advanced endobronchial platforms (robotic)
• Recognize the diagnostic and therapeutic potential of innovative endobronchial systems

MODERATORS: Bernard J. Park, New York, NY, and Kazuhiro Yasufuku, Toronto, Canada
1:00 PM  Minimally Invasive Pulmonary Resection: Status and Trends in the United States
David C. Rice, Houston, TX
1:10 PM  Minimally Invasive Pulmonary Resection: Status and Trends in Canada
Wael C. Hanna, Hamilton, Canada
1:20 PM  Discussion
1:30 PM  Innovations in Diagnostic Bronchoscopy
Katarzyna Czarnecka, Toronto, Canada
1:40 PM  Innovations in Therapeutic Bronchoscopy
Shanda H. Blackmon, Rochester, MN
1:50 PM  Discussion

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Unconscious Bias
Unconscious bias is a rarely recognized phenomenon that can have unintended influence on interactions among cardiothoracic surgeons at all levels of training, particularly as it pertains to gender, race, and ethnicity. This session, organized by Women in Thoracic Surgery, will address the need to recognize and define unconscious and implicit bias in our actions and provide tools to avoid the negative influence it may have on our actions and interactions with others.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Define unconscious bias
• Define implicit bias
• Recognize bias within themselves
• Describe how their personal bias could impact others
• Identify ways to avoid unconscious bias in everyday practice

MODERATOR: Valerie A. Williams, Cincinnati, OH
1:00 PM  Introduction
Valerie A. Williams, Cincinnati, OH
1:05 PM  Unconscious Bias: What Is It?
Jessica S. Donington, Chicago, IL
1:13 PM  Gender Bias
DuyKhanh P. Cappa, Indianapolis, IN
1:29 PM  Unconscious Bias: Race
Jane Yanagawa, Los Angeles, CA
1:37 PM  Panel Discussion

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2:10 PM – 4:30 PM
Opening Session
MODERATORS: Keith S. Naunheim, St Louis, MO, and Joseph F. Sabik III, Cleveland, OH

2:10 PM Welcome

2:30 PM ABSTRACT: J. Maxwell Chamberlain Memorial Paper for Adult Cardiac Surgery: Relationship Between Hospital Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement Volume and Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement Outcomes
S. A. Hirji1, E. P. McCarthy2, D. Kim1, S. McGurk1, J. I. Ejiofor1, S. H. Kiehm1, F. Ramirez-Del Val1, A. A. Kolkailah1, N. Berry1, M. P. Pelletier1, P. Shah1, P. T. O’Gara1, T. K. Kaneko1
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DISCUSSANT: Joseph E. Bavaria, Philadelphia, PA

S. Ely1, S. Jiang2, J. B. Velotta3, T. C. Tung4
1University of California San Francisco East Bay Surgery, Oakland, 2Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, CA, 3Kaiser Permanente, San Ramon, CA
DISCUSSANT: David Tom Cooke, Sacramento, CA

3:10 PM ABSTRACT: J. Maxwell Chamberlain Memorial Paper for Congenital Heart Surgery: Late Survival and Patient-Perceived Functional Health Status of the Congenital Heart Surgeons’ Society Transposition of the Great Arteries Cohort
P. J. Devlin1, A. Jegatheeswaran1, W. G. Williams1, E. H. Blackstone1, W. M. Decamp1, L. M. Lambert1, K. A. Mussatto1, C. Prospero1, I. Bondarenko1, B. W. McCrindle1
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DISCUSSANT: John J. Lamberti, Palo Alto, CA

3:30 PM Thomas B. Ferguson Lecture: Cancer Immunotherapy: The End of the Beginning
Laurie H. Glinsky, Boston, MA

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Opening Reception in STS Exhibit Hall

4:45 PM – 5:55 PM
Jeopardy Championship

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
2019 The Thoracic Surgery Foundation Awards Announcement and VIP Reception (by invitation only)

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Poster Presentations
All posters will now be electronic. Several monitors will be available in the Exhibit Hall for attendees to view the posters.

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
President’s Reception: Hotel del Coronado

Join your colleagues for the STS President’s Reception at the celebrated Hotel del Coronado on Sunday evening, January 27. Set on picturesque Coronado Island, just off the San Diego coastline, this National Historic Landmark hotel was built in 1886 and has been a popular destination for visiting celebrities, presidents, and dignitaries.

The reception will be held in the Crown Room, an elegant space with a 33-foot domed ceiling made from Oregon sugar pine and crown-shaped chandeliers designed by L. Frank Baum, author of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Several notable events have been held in the Crown Room, including a celebration for Charles Lindbergh following his solo transatlantic flight. The resort also served as the backdrop for movies, including “Some Like It Hot,” starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon.

Don’t miss this opportunity to enjoy dinner, drinks, and conversation in a historic setting.

Indicates that a ticket is required to attend.
MONDAY  
JANUARY 28  
STS ANNUAL MEETING

6:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Registration

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Exhibit Hall

7:15 AM – 9:15 AM
NEW! Career Navigation and Development: Hot Topics to Enhance Your First 7 Years of Practice

Through lectures and robust discussion on hot topics, this session will review the challenges faced by cardiothoracic surgeons early in their careers and provide solutions so that they can be successful. Attendees also will learn how to become a volunteer leader in their medical specialty society.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
- Describe the essential elements of contract negotiation
- Explain how to apply social media to their practice
- Describe how to find a mentor and develop a valuable relationship
- Outline how to develop a niche in their practice while attaining work-life balance

MODERATORS: Melanie A. Edwards, Ypsilanti, MI, and Richard Lee, Augusta, GA

7:15 AM  
Introduction
Melanie A. Edwards, Ypsilanti, MI

7:25 AM  
Negotiating and Renegotiating Your Contract
Frank L. Fazzalari, Rochester, MI

7:35 AM  
Is the Trifecta Really Possible? Clinical Practice, Research/Education, and a Life
Joanna Chikwe, New York, NY

7:45 AM  
The Value of Great Mentorship: How to Find a Mentor and How to Be a Mentee
David D. Odell, Chicago, IL

7:55 AM  
How to Use Social Media to Engage Your Colleagues and Your Patients
Mara B. Antonoff, Houston, TX

8:05 AM  
Leadership in The Society of Thoracic Surgeons: How to Excel
Robert S. D. Higgins, Baltimore, MD

8:15 AM  
Hot Topics Free-for-All
PRIMARY MODERATORS: Mara B. Antonoff, Houston, TX, and Vinay Badhwar, Morgantown, WV
FLOOR MODERATORS: Melanie A. Edwards, Ypsilanti, MI, Damien J. LaPar, New York, NY, and Gabriel Loor, Minneapolis, MN

8:45 AM  
Discussion Topics:
- How Does My Health System Value My Contributions?
- Should I Stay or Should I Go? Dealing With a Difficult Job
- Developing a Niche and Building Your Practice
- What to Do When You Are in Over Your Head
- Academic, Private, or Employed—and How to Excel Anywhere
- Pathways to Health System or Hospital Leadership

7:15 AM – 9:15 AM
Congenital: Pediatric Congenital I
MODERATORS: Carl L. Backer, Chicago, IL, and Stephanie M. Fuller, Philadelphia, PA

7:15 AM  
ABSTRACT: Richard E. Clark Memorial Paper for Congenital Heart Surgery: Outcomes of Fontan Operation With and Without Down Syndrome From the STS Congenital Heart Surgery Database
L. A. Samo1, H. L. Walters2, D. Kobayashi3
1East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, 2Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Detroit
DISCUSSANT: Takeshi Furukawa, Tokyo, Japan

7:30 AM  
ABSTRACT: Complex Transposition Repair: Up to 30 Years of Follow-Up
F. A. Kari1, H. Bohnens3, B. O. Bierbach3, E. A. Bacha4, B. Stiller5, U. Bauer6
1NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital, Columbia University Medical Center, NY, 2University of Freiburg, Germany, 3German Pediatric Heart Center, Sankt Augustin, 4NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, NY, 5German National Quality Assurance for Congenital Heart Disease, Berlin

7:45 AM  
ABSTRACT: Mitral Valve Replacement in Children With a 15 mm Mechanical Valve
1Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, 2Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, IL, 3Children’s Hospital of Colorado Heart Institute, Aurora, 4Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, PA, 5University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, 6Children’s Hospital & Medical Center, Omaha, NE, 7University of Colorado, Children’s Hospital Colorado, Aurora, 8UT Health-Austin, TX

8:00 AM  
ABSTRACT: Surgical Aortic Valvuloplasty vs Balloon Aortic Dilation for Congenital Aortic Stenosis: Do Outcome Disparities Remain?
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis

8:15 AM  
ABSTRACT: National Practice Patterns and Early Outcomes of Aortic Valve Replacement in Children and Teens: An Analysis of the STS Congenital Heart Surgery Database
1Nemours Children’s Hospital, Orlando, FL, 2University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 3Michigan Congenital Heart Center, Ann Arbor

8:30 AM  
ABSTRACT: Definitive Repair of Neonatal Complete Atrioventricular Canal Defects in the Modern Surgical Era
D. J. LaPar1, M. Chavez2, M. J. Borisuk3, S. M. Emanu4, A. K. Kaz1, P. J. del Nido1, K. G. Friedman2, C. W. Baird2
1NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital, Columbia University Medical Center, NY, 2Boston Children’s Hospital, MA

9:00 AM  
ABSTRACT: Risk Factors for Reintervention After Isolated Subaortic Membrane Resection
Z. M. Binsalamah1, Z. A. Spigel1, C. Ibarra2, I. Adachi3, C. M. Mery4, M. Imamura1, J. S. Heine1, C. D. Fraser4
1Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 2Texas Children’s Hospital, Houston, 3The University of Texas Dell Medical School/Dell Children’s Hospital, Austin, UT, Health Austin, TX

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EACTS @ STS: Which Arch Operation Should I Do? Decision-Making During Type A Dissection Repair

In this session presented by STS and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, international experts will examine alternatives to the standard classic repair for DeBakey type I aortic dissection and discuss the outcomes of innovative extended arch repair techniques, including the distal aortic frozen elephant trunk, novel branched arch endografts, and valve retention root reconstructive surgery. Technical considerations, conduct of operations, surgical decision-making, and the most up-to-date data will be presented.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- State when it is appropriate to modify the classic proximal reconstructive repair for DeBakey type I dissection with extended arch repair techniques based on available outcomes data
- Describe the nuances and different applications for novel branched arch endograft devices and frozen elephant trunk in patients with DeBakey type I aortic dissection

MODERATORS: Joseph E. Bavaria, Philadelphia, PA, and Ruggero P. De Paolis, Rome, Italy

EACTS @ STS: Controversial Issues in General Thoracic Surgery—Perspectives From Europe and North America

This session will provide current perspectives from Europe and North America on a variety of controversial issues in general thoracic surgery. Experts from both continents will discuss topics such as invasive staging in early stage lung cancer, multimodal approaches to the treatment of stage II/III NSCLC, and the use of induction therapy in patients with T2N0 esophageal cancer.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Explain how to obtain a critical appraisal of the indications for invasive staging in early stage lung cancer
- Describe the latest insights in the continuing debate on multimodality treatment for stage II/III NSCLC (NSCLC)
- Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of induction therapy in selected groups of patients with T2N0 esophageal cancer

MODERATORS: Gilbert Massard, Strasbourg, France, and Michael J. Weyant, Aurora, CO
Diversity and Inclusion in Cardiothoracic Surgery: What Is the Real Value?

Attendees of this session, organized by the STS Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion, will learn how diversity and inclusion can be valuable to their practices, service lines, training efforts, and relationships in the communities they serve. Speakers will address strategies to diversify faculty and/or surgical staff to optimally reflect the practice community and tips for including diverse trainees and junior surgeons in leadership and research.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

• Define diversity as it relates to the health care workforce and the care of diverse patient populations

• Define inclusion as it relates to the health care workforce, health care leadership, and the care of diverse patient populations

• Define underrepresented minority (URM)

• Discuss how a diverse cardiothoracic surgery workforce can improve patient outcomes through increasing cultural competency and mitigating implicit provider bias

• Explain how the inclusion of URM trainees, junior faculty, and staff helps increase the URM pipeline to the clinical workforce

MODERATOR: David Tom Cooke, Sacramento, CA

8:15 AM  Introduction

8:20 AM  Diversity and Inclusion in Cardiothoracic Surgery: What Is the Real Value?
Joan Reede, Boston, MA

9:05 AM  Q&A

Basic Science Research: General Thoracic

MODERATORS: Min P. Kim, Houston, TX, and Jane Yanagawa, Los Angeles, CA

8:15 AM  ABSTRACT: Intratumoral LKB1/STK11 Expression Correlates With Immune Cell Infiltration and Oncologic Outcomes Following Resection of Lung Adenocarcinoma
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston

8:39 AM  ABSTRACT: The TumorCBC: In-Silico Flow Cytometry to Understand Lung Cancer Data and Predict Survival
V. Kurbatov1, A. Balyayev1, A. Safarzadeh2, J. Blasberg2, D. J. Boffa2, J. M. Lu2, S. A. Khan2
1University of Toronto, Canada, 2Yale University, New Haven, CT

8:51 AM  ABSTRACT: Immune Regulatory Markers of Lepidic-Pattern Adenocarcinomas Presenting as Ground Glass Opacities
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM  Diversity and Inclusion in Cardiothoracic Surgery: What Is the Real Value?
1:15 PM – 3:15 PM

Congenital: Pediatric Congenital II
MODERATORS: Meena Nathan, Boston, MA, and Christian Pizarro, Wilmington, DE

1:15 PM

ABSTRACT: Ex-Utero Extracorporeal Support as a Model for Fetal Hypoxia and Brain Dysmaturity in Congenital Heart Disease
¹Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, ²Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, PA

1:30 PM

ABSTRACT: Neurodevelopmental Delay Following Neonatal Biventricular Repair of Isolated Coarctation and Aortic Arch Obstruction
B. V. Simon¹, M. F. Swartz², J. M. Orrie³, H. Adams¹, L. E. Seltzer¹, R. Angora⁴, G. M. Affieris⁵
¹University of Rochester, New York, ²University of Pittsburgh, PA

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ABSTRACT: Impact of Mesenchymal Stem/Stromal Cell Delivery Through Cardiopulmonary Bypass on Postnatal Neurogenesis in a Juvenile Porcine Model
T. Maeda¹, K. Sarkszlali², C. Leonetti³, N. Kapari⁴, Z. Dhari⁵, I. Ali Haj⁶, R. Ulrey⁷, P. J. Hanley⁸, R. A. Jonas⁹, N. Ishibashi¹⁰
¹Children’s National Health System, Washington, DC, ²George Washington University, Washington, DC

2:00 PM

Connectome Talk
Jane W. Newburger, Boston, MA

2:15 PM

ABSTRACT: Cardiac Xenotransplant in Infants as a Bridge to Allotransplantation: Is It Possible?
C. A. Banks, H. Hara, D. K. Cooper, D. C. Mauchley, R. J. Dabal, S. Borasino, T. Yamamoto, D. C. Cleveland
University of Alabama, Birmingham

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ABSTRACT: How Long Should You Be Bridging Your Pediatric Heart Transplant Candidates?
K. W. Riggs¹, F. Zafar², A. Lorts³, C. Villa⁴, R. Bryant III², K. W. Riggs¹
¹Children’s National Health System, Washington, DC, ²Children’s National Health System, Washington, PA

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ABSTRACT: Evolution of Single Ventricular Assist Device Support for Failing Bidirectional Glenn: Lessons Learned
K. Maeda¹, N. Teimour¹, V. Yarlagedda², S. A. Hollander, M. Navaratnam³, D. Rosenthal⁴, J. C. Dykes⁵, B. D. Kaufman, C. S. Almond⁶, O. Reinhardt⁶, J. Murray⁶, S. Chen⁶
¹Children’s National Hospital, Cleveland, OH

3:00 PM

J. Hermens¹, U. Okorie², S. Srinivasarait³, P. Anastagoporoulou³
¹University of Wisconsin, Madison, ²The Marshfield Clinic, WI

1:15 PM – 3:30 PM

General Thoracic: Lung Cancer I
MODERATORS: Sara B. Antonoff, Houston, TX, and Sudish C. Murthy, Cleveland, OH

1:15 PM

ABSTRACT: Clinico-pathological and Immune Microenvironment Features Associated With High Tumor Mutational Burden and PD-L1 Expression in Resected Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer
¹The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, ²MedImmune, Gaithersburg, MD

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ABSTRACT: Identification of High-Risk Patients for Recurrence in Pathological Stage I Lung Adenocarcinoma: Long-Term Follow-Up Data From JCOG0201
Y. Tsutani¹, K. Suzuki², T. Koike³, M. Wakabayashi⁴, T. Mizutani¹, K. Aokage¹, H. Saji², K. Nakagawa³, Y. Zenke⁴, K. Takarnochi⁵, H. Ito³, T. Aoki³, J. Okami⁶, H. Yoshioka⁷, M. Okada¹, H. Fukuda⁸, S. Watarai⁹
¹Hiroshima University, Japan, ²Juntendo University, Tokyo, Japan, ³Niigata Seirou Hospital, Kitakabahara, Japan, ⁴National Cancer Center Hospital, Tokyo, Japan, ⁵National Cancer Center Hospital East, Kashiwa, Japan, ⁶St Marianna University School of Medicine, Kawasaki, Japan, ⁷Kanagawa Cancer Center, Yokohama, Japan, ⁸Niigata Cancer Center Hospital, Japan, ⁹Osaka International Cancer Institute, Japan, ¹⁰Kansai Medical University Hospital, Hikakata, Japan

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ABSTRACT: Is the Prognostic Significance of Visceral Pleural Invasion Equal in Patients With Pure-Solid or Part-Solid Lung Cancer?
S. Okada¹, A. A. Hattori², T. Matsunaga³, K. Takarnochi², S. Oh⁴, M. Inoue³, K. Suzuki²
¹Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine, Japan, ²Juntendo University, Tokyo, Japan

2:00 PM

DEBATE: Do Clinical Trials Really Matter for Day-to-Day Practice?
Yes: Dennis A. Wigle, Rochester, MN
No: Varun Puri, St Louis, MO

2:30 PM

ABSTRACT: Outcomes of Patients Discharged Home With a Chest Tube Following Anatomical Lung Resection: A Multicenter Cohort Study
F. Minervini¹, W. C. Hanna², A. Brunelli³, F. Farrokhyar⁴, T. Miyazaki⁵, L. Bartolaccini⁶, M. Scarci⁷, M. Coret⁸, K. Hughes⁹, L. Schneider⁹, Y. Lopez-Hernandez⁹, J. Agzarian¹⁰
¹University of Rochester, New York, ²University of Pittsburgh, PA

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ABSTRACT: Primary Colorectal Cancer Mutations Predict Survival and Recurrence After Pulmonary Metastasectomy
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston

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ABSTRACT: Sublobar Resection of Ground Glass Nodules: Does Margin Matter?
S. W. Harrison¹, M. K. Hussein, M. Rahoura, B. E. Lee, B. M. Stiles, J. Port, N. K. Altorki
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center, NY
1:15 PM – 3:15 PM

**General Thoracic: Lung Transplantation**

**MODERATORS:** Usman Ahmad, Cleveland, OH, and Jasleen Kukreja, San Francisco, CA

**1:15 PM**

**ABSTRACT:** Defining the Optimal Timing of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation as a Bridge to Lung Transplantation

H. Jalal¹, M. C. Henry¹, S. Lange¹, M. W. Carter¹,
M. S. Damiano¹, T. C. Merritt¹, A. Abarbanel¹, P. Eghtesady²
¹Washington University in St Louis, MO, ²St Louis Children’s Hospital, MO

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**ABSTRACT:** Impact of the Opioid Epidemic on Lung Transplantation: An Analysis of Donor Characteristics, Recipient Outcomes, and Organ Discard

A. F. Ward¹, K. G. Phillips³, N. K. Ranganath³, J. Malas³,
B. E. Lonze³, M. B. Lesko³, N. Moazami³, Z. N. Kon³
¹New York University, NY, ²NYU Langone Health, New York

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**ABSTRACT:** Single and Double Lung Transplantation Have Equivalent Survival in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Patients

N. K. Ranganath, J. Malas, K. G. Phillips, T. C. Geraci,
K. Hisamido, D. E. Smith, B. E. Lonze, Z. N. Kon
NYU Langone Health, New York

**2:00 PM**

**ABSTRACT:** Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation as a Bridge to Redo Lung Transplantation: A Contemporary Analysis of National Data

J. A. Hayanga¹, S. D. Holmes¹, H. K. Hayanga¹, J. H. Fugett¹,
N. Shigemura³, V. Badhwar³, G. Abbas³
¹West Virginia University, Morgantown, ²Temple University Health System, Philadelphia, PA, ³West Virginia University Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown

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**ABSTRACT:** Outcomes of Declined Donors in Lung Transplant Recipients in the Current Era

A. L. Axtell, P. Moonisamy, S. Melnitchouk, G. Tolis,
D. D’Alessandro, M. A. Villavicencio
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston

**2:30 PM**

**ABSTRACT:** Failure to Rescue Is a Significant Contributor to Center-Level Differences in Mortality Following Lung Transplantation

A. A. Osho¹, M. M. Bishawi², M. S. Mulvihill³, A. L. Axtell³,
S. A. Hirji⁴, P. J. Spencer⁴, D. D’Alessandro⁵, S. Melnitchouk⁶,
M. G. Hartwig⁷, M. A. Villavicencio⁸
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³Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, ⁴Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA, ⁵Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston

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**ABSTRACT:** Can Lungs From Donors With Low PaO2/FiO2 Ratio and High Body Mass Index Be Utilized for Transplantation With or Without Ex-Vivo Lung Perfusion?

T. Okamoto, M. M. Omara, A. Bribriesco, U. Ahmad, S. Unai,
A. Zeeshan, D. R. Johnston, M. Tong, M. M. Budev,
K. R. McCurry
Cleveland Clinic, OH

**3:00 PM**

**Role of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in Lung Transplantation**

Mani A. Daneshmand, Durham, NC

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**1:15 PM – 3:15 PM**

**SVS @ STS: Sharing Common Ground for Cardiovascular Problems**

Many cardiac surgeons continue to incorporate the care of patients with vascular disease into their practices, while many vascular surgeons are now treating pathologies that previously were purely in the domain of cardiac surgeons. This session will offer topics relevant to both fields and provide the perspective of each.

**Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Formulate a plan based on published data and expert recommendations for the management of massive and sub-massive pulmonary embolism
- Describe the current state of non-femoral access options for delivery of large endovascular devices

**MODERATORS:** Keith B. Allen, Kansas City, MO, and Ali Azizzadeh, Los Angeles, CA

**1:15 PM**

Alternate Non-Femoral Vascular Access for Large Endovascular Devices
Keith B. Allen, Kansas City, MO

**1:30 PM**

Managing Vascular Access Complications
Ross Millner, Chicago, IL

**1:45 PM**

Discussion

**1:55 PM**

Innovative Devices: The Cardiac Surgeon’s Perspective
Grayson H. Wheatley, Nashville, TN

**2:10 PM**

Innovative Devices: The Vascular Surgeon’s Perspective
Ali Azizzadeh, Los Angeles, CA

**2:25 PM**

Discussion

**2:35 PM**

The Pulmonary Embolism Team: The Cardiac Surgeon’s Perspective
Lishan Aklog, Purchase, NY

**2:50 PM**

The Pulmonary Embolism Team: The Vascular Surgeon’s Perspective
Rabih Chaer, Pittsburgh, PA

**3:05 PM**

Discussion
1:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Clinical Scenarios: The Heart Team

This session will concentrate on a true collaborative “heart team” approach to treating complex issues facing the practicing physician or affiliate provider. Using a unique and innovative format highlighting adult cardiac disease processes, speakers will discuss the multidisciplinary approach to aortic valve disease, mitral valve disease, and coronary artery disease. Session components include invited technical videos, a critical review of the literature, case-based presentations describing difficult clinical scenarios, and an interactive panel discussion.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

• Discuss the controversies surrounding the management of tricuspid valve disease
• Describe the indications and contraindications for the treatment of mitral regurgitation
• Describe the construction and makeup of the multidisciplinary “heart team” and its influence in improving patient outcomes and fostering communication among specialties
• Explain the optimal management of patients with specific case scenarios who are evaluated for aortic stenosis, congestive heart failure, mitral regurgitation, and tricuspid regurgitation

1:15 pm  Introduction

Vinod H. Thourani, Washington, DC

Mitrail Valve Disease

MODERATORS: Vinay Badhwar, Morgantown, WV, Michael J. Mack, Dallas, TX, and Patrick T. O’Gara, Boston, MA

PANELISTS: Ted Feldman, Evanston, IL, Raj Makkar, Los Angeles, CA, Robert L. Smith, Dallas, TX, Vinod H. Thourani, Washington, DC, and Y. Joseph Woo, Stanford, CA

1:16 pm  Heart Team Discussion With Case Presentations: Patient With Low Ejection Fraction and Functional Mitral Regurgitation

Y. Joseph Woo, Stanford, CA

1:34 pm  Heart Team Discussion With Case Presentations: Patient With Severe Mitral Annular Calcification

Raj Makkar, Los Angeles, CA

1:52 pm  Treatment of Functional Mitral Regurgitation: How Do the COAPT Trial Results Change Our Management?

Michael J. Mack, Dallas, TX

2:02 pm  Update on Surgical and Transcatheter Trials for Mitral Regurgitation

Vinod H. Thourani, Washington, DC

2:14 pm  Heart Team Discussion With Case Presentations: How I Decide Between Transcatheter or Surgical Repair of Primary Degenerative Mitral Valve Repair

Gorav Allawadi, Charlottesville, VA

2:32 pm  Panel Discussion

Aortic Valve and Aortic Disease

MODERATORS: Joseph E. Bavaria, Philadelphia, PA, and Raj Makkar, Los Angeles, CA


2:42 pm  Heart Team Discussion With Case Presentations: Rationale for Transcatheter or Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement as the Initial Management for Aortic Stenosis in Patients Younger Than 60 Years of Age

Wilson Y. Szeto, Philadelphia, PA

3:02 pm  Mechanical vs Bioprosthetic Aortic Valve Replacement in Patients Younger Than 60 Years of Age: Recommendations From a Cardiologist

Patrick T. O’Gara, Boston, MA

3:12 pm  Is the Availability of New Aortic Devices Going to Change Our Index Operation for Type A Dissection?

Joseph E. Bavaria, Philadelphia, PA

3:22 pm  Case Examples: Treatment of the Moderately Dilated Aortic Root in Tricuspid and Bicuspid Aortic Valve Stenosis—When to Replace the Root vs Just the Aortic Valve

Tirone David, Toronto, Canada

3:32 pm  Heart Team Discussion With Case Presentations: Anatomical Considerations for Transcatheter and Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement in Low-Risk Patients

Vinod H. Thourani, Washington, DC

3:50 pm  Discussion and Case Wrap-Up

Coronary Artery Disease

MODERATORS: John D. Puskas, New York, NY, and Morton J. Kern, Long Beach, CA

PANELISTS: Husam H. Balkhy, Chicago, IL, Ezequiel J. Molina, Chevy Chase, MD, Patrick T. O’Gara, Boston, MA, and William M. Suh, Los Angeles, CA

4:00 pm  Update on ACC/AHA Guidelines for Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG): Essentials for the Practicing Cardiac Surgeon

Patrick T. O’Gara, Boston, MA

4:10 pm  Indications and Techniques for Left Internal Mammary Artery to Diagonal to Left Anterior Descending Bridge Anastomoses

John D. Puskas, New York, NY

4:20 pm  Heart Team Discussion With Case Presentations: Non-Diabetic Patient With Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease—When to Offer Hybrid Revascularization vs Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)

Husam H. Balkhy, Chicago, IL

4:38 pm  Heart Team Discussion With Case Presentations: Deciding Between PCI or CABG in Patients With an Ejection Fraction Less Than 25%

Ezequiel J. Molina, Chevy Chase, MD

4:56 pm  Discussion

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

BREAK—Visit Exhibits and Scientific Posters
Adult Cardiac: Arrhythmia/Atrial Fibrillation

MODERATORS: Ralph J. Damiano, St Louis, MO, and Patrick M. McCarthy, Chicago, IL

4:00 PM

**ABSTRACT:** Greater Number of New-Onset Atrial Fibrillation Events After Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Increases Long-Term Mortality Independent of Total Event Duration

G. Filardo1, B. D. Pollock1, B. M. da Graca1, T. Phan2, G. Allawadi3, V. H. Thourani4

1Baylor Scott & White Health, Dallas, TX; 2University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 3MedStar Heart and Vascular Institute, Washington, DC

4:15 PM

**ABSTRACT:** Impact of New-Onset Postoperative Atrial Fibrillation on 5-Year Clinical Outcomes and Cost

H. Almassi5, R. B. Hawkins5, A. W. Shroyer6, B. Hattler7, J. A. Quin8, J. F. Collins8, M. M. Bishawi8, F. Bakaeen9, E. Brahimini9, F. L. Grover9, T. H. Wagner10

5Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; 6Stony Brook University School of Medicine, NY; 7Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Denver, CO; 8VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, MA; 9Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center, Perry Point, MD; 10Duke University, Durham, NC; 11Cleveland Clinic, OH; 12University of California, Los Angeles and VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System, 13University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora; 14VA Palo Alto, Menlo Park, CA; 15University of Virginia, Charlottesville

4:30 PM

Prophylactic Maze and Left Atrial Appendage Ligation in Patients at High Risk for Atrial Fibrillation

Hartzell V. Schaff, Rochester, MN

4:45 PM

Panel Discussion

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Cardiothoracic Surgery Education

MODERATORS: Erin A. Gillaspie, Nashville, TN, and Rishindra M. Reddy, Ann Arbor, MI

4:00 PM

**ABSTRACT:** The American Board of Thoracic Surgery 10-Year Maintenance of Certification Exam Improves and Validates Knowledge Acquisition


1Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA; 2Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, Jacksonville, FL; 3Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; 4Stanford University Medical Center, CA; 5The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, 6Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 7Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY; 8Washington University in St Louis, MO; 9Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston; 10University of California, Los Angeles; 11Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, 12University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora

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**ABSTRACT:** Debunking the July Effect in Cardiac Surgery: A National Analysis of More Than 430,000 Procedures

R. Shaﬁ1, S. A. Hingi, S. Goel, S. H. Kiehnt, F. Yazdchi, T. K. Kaneko

1Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

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**ABSTRACT:** Social Media Engagement Improves Dissemination of Cardiothoracic Surgery Scholarship: A Prospective Study

J. G. Lu1, M. A. Archer1, R. C. Arora2, E. M. Bender3, A. Blitz4, D. T. Cooke5, T. Nihici6, B. Kidane2, M. Ouzounian7, T. K. Varghese8, M. B. Antonoff9

1Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN; 2University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada; 3Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, Corvallis, OR; 4Pharr, TX; 5University of California, Davis Medical Center, Sacramento; 6Loma Linda University Medical Center; 7Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Jacksonville, FL; 8Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; 9Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 10University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston; 11University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

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**ABSTRACT:** Early Outcomes Following HeartMate 3 Left Ventricular Assist Device as a Bridge to Transplantation: An Observational, Open Cohort Study


1Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; 2Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 3Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Manhasset, NY; 4University of California, Davis Medical Center, Sacramento; 5University of Washington, Seattle, WA; 6University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora; 7Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA

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**ABSTRACT:** A New Paradigm in Temporary Mechanical Circulatory Support: 100-Patient Experience With a Novel, Minimally Invasive, Temporary Left Ventricular Assist Device


Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

4:30 PM

**ABSTRACT:** Heart Transplant Waiting List Implications of Increased Ventricular Assist Device Use as a Bridge to Transplantation: A National Analysis

J. J. Han1, H. S. Elzayn, M. Helmers, A. M. Acker, W. L. Patrick, A. Iyengar, E. Y. Birati, P. Alturi

1University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

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Intermacs and the STS National Database: Latest Updates

Robert L. Kormos, Pittsburgh, PA, and Francis D. Pagani, Ann Arbor, MI
ABSTRACT: Blood Utilization: A Tale of Two Metrics—Improvement and Variability
1Virginia Cardiovascular Services Quality Initiative, Virginia Beach, 2Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, 3The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD, 4University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, 5West Virginia University Heart and Vascular Institute, Morgantown, 6University of Maryland, Baltimore

ABSTRACT: Using Application-Based Technology to Improve Patient Engagement and Collect Patient-Reported Outcomes for Cardiac Surgery
Montreal Heart Institute, Canada

ABSTRACT: Impact of Perioperative Prescriptions, Race, Sex, and Postoperative Complications on New Persistent Opioid Usage Among Medicare Beneficiaries After Cardiothoracic Surgery
A. A. Brescia1, P. A. Lagisetty2, H. Hu3, M. J. Englesbe2, C. M. Brummett1, J. F. Wallace4, K. H. Lagisetty5
1University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor, 3University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 4Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 5University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

ABSTRACT: Pain Management Strategies and Opioid Use by US Cardiothoracic Surgeons: Survey Results From the STS Task Force on the Opioid Crisis Intervention in Cardiothoracic Surgery
1Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, 2University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 3The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Chicago, IL, 4The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 5Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor, 6The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, 7University of California, San Francisco Medical Center and San Francisco VA Medical Center, 8University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, 9Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY, 10University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

ABSTRACT: What Drives Opioid Prescriptions Following Cardiac Surgery: Practice or Patient?
K. A. Holst1, J. A. Dearani2, H. V. Schaaf3, K. T. Hanson4, C. A. Thiels1, S. Pham2, K. P. Landofo5, O. E. Pajaro6, E. B. Habermann7
1Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, 2Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, 3Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ
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6:30 AM – 1:00 PM  Registration

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7:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Adult Cardiac: General

MODERATORS: Faisal Bakaeen, Cleveland, OH, and T. Stoane Guy, New York, NY

7:00 AM  ABSTRACT: Effects of Frailty on Outcomes and 30-Day Readmissions Following Surgical Mitral Valve Replacement

A. Iyengar1, N. J. Goel1, J. J. Kelly1, J. J. Han1, C. Brown1, F. N. Khurshid2, Z. Chen1, N. Desai3
1Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 2University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 3University Heart Center Freiburg, Germany

7:15 AM  ABSTRACT: Characterizing Risks Associated With Mitral Annular Calcification in Mitral Valve Replacement: An Analysis Utilizing the STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Database

T. K. Kaneko1, S. A. Hiroji1, S. F. Aranki1, S. McGurk1, S. Body2, M. Heydarpour3, H. R. Mallidi1, S. K. Singh1, J. Rawn1, M. P. Pelletier1, P. S. Shekar1
1Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA, 2Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

7:30 AM  ABSTRACT: Ultrasound-Guided Septal Myectomy Using High-Resolution Intracardiac Probe and Mitral Leaflet Height Reduction for Systolic Anterior Motion in Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy


Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Japan

7:45 AM  ABSTRACT: Five Year Outcomes of Patients Treated With a Novel Thoracic Endoint for Blunt Thoracic Aortic Injury: The RESCUE Pivotal Trial

H. J. Patel1, A. Azizzadeh2, A. H. Matsumoto3, O. C. Velazquez1, J. Rovin1, J. V. Lombardi1, A. Khoynezhad4, Y. Dai5, R. A. White6
1University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, 2Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, 3University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, 4University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital, FL, 5Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, FL, 6Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, Camden, NJ, 7MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center, CA, 8MemorialCare Heart and Vascular Institute, Long Beach, CA

8:00 AM  Surgical Video: Pulmonary Embolectomy With Retrograde Pulmonary Perfusion for Saddle Pulmonary Embolus

Erik Beyer, Fort Lauderdale, FL

8:15 AM  ABSTRACT: Early Experience in Preclinical Orthotopic Cardiac Xenotransplantation

L. DiChiacochio1, K. B. Deatrick1, Z. N. Kon1, D. J. Kaczorowski2, D. Ayares2, J. Bromberg2, B. P. Griffith3, S. T. Bartlett1, M. M. Mohiuddin1
1University of Maryland, Baltimore, 2NYU Langone Health, New York, 3Reviscor, Blacksburg, VA

8:30 AM  ABSTRACT: Perioperative Pain Management and Opioid Use Patterns by US Adult Cardiac Surgeons: Survey Results From the STS Task Force on the Opioid Crisis Intervention in Cardiothoracic Surgery

1Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, 2University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 3The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Chicago, IL, 4The University of Chicago, IL, 5The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 6The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, 7University of California, San Francisco Medical Center and San Francisco VA Medical Center, 8University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, 9The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Washington, DC

8:45 AM  ABSTRACT: Effect of the Time Interval Between Coronary Angiography and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Surgery on Postoperative Acute Kidney Injury: An Analysis of the STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Database

A. C. Guercio1, M. P. Macris2, S. Hebert3, C. S. Bell4, C. C. Miller4, D. Molony4
1Memorial Hermann, Houston, TX, 2Houston Methodist Hospital, TX, 3McGovern Medical School at UT Health, Houston, TX

8:00 AM  ABSTRACT: Surgical Management and Outcomes of Infective Endocarditis Over 15 Years in a Single Institution

A. R. Stram1, M. Kasten1, L. R. Timsina1, P. Hess2, J. Everett2
1Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, 2Indiana University Health, Indianapolis

ABSTRACT: Degenerative Mitral Valve Repair Simplified: An Evolution to Universal Artificial Chordal Repair

University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore

DEBATE: Respect, Not Resect, in Mitral Valve Repair

Con: Patrick M. McCarthy, Chicago, IL

Pro: James S. Gammie, Stevenson, MD
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Congenital: Pediatric Congenital III
MODERATORS: James J. Gangemi, Charlottesville, VA, and James S. Tweddell, Cincinnati, OH

7:00 AM
ABSTRACT: Identification of Time-Dependent Risks of Hemodynamic States Following Stage 1 Norwood Palliation
G. M. Hoffman1, J. P. Scott1, N. S. Ghanayem2, E. E. Stuth2, M. E. Mitchell1, R. K. Woods1, V. Hraska1, R. A. Niebler1, R. Bertrandt1, K. A. Mussatto1, J. S. Tweddell3
1Children’s Hospital and Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children’s Hospital, Houston, 3Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, OH

7:15 AM
ABSTRACT: Unplanned Interstage Interventions Between Norwood Palliation and Superior Cavopulmonary Anatomosis: A Report From the National Pediatric Cardiology Quality Improvement Collaborative
D. A. Castellanos1, E. C. Ocampo1, A. Gooden2, C. M. Mery3, A. M. Qureshi4, J. S. Heinle5, Y. Wang2, G. D. Hill5, N. S. Ghanayem1
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7:30 AM
ABSTRACT: Pulmonary Aresia With Intact Ventricular Septum and Right Ventricle Dependent Coronary Circulation: Location of Coronary Obstruction Impacts Survival
Z. A. Spigel1, A. M. Qureshi1, S. A. Morris2, C. M. Mery3, S. Saxson-Tejel1, R. Zea-Vera1, Z. M. Binnsalamah1, M. Imamurai4, J. S. Heinle4, I. Adachi2
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ABSTRACT: Impact of Bilateral, Bidirectional Cavopulmonary Shunt on Outcomes Following Staged, Single Ventricle Palliation
M. Ono, M. Bunri, B. Mayr, E. Beran, J. Cleuziou, A. Hager, R. Lange
German Heart Center Munich

8:00 AM
ABSTRACT: Long-Term Surgical Prognosis of Primary Supravalvular Aortic Stenosis Repair
F. Wu1, A. Mondali2, P. J. del Nido2, K. Gauvreau2, S. M. Emani2, C. W. Baird2, A. K. Kazda2
1Taipei Veteran General Hospital, Taiwan, 2Boston Children’s Hospital, MA

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ABSTRACT: Williams Syndrome: A 24-Year, Single-Institution Evaluation of Outcomes and Risk of Long-Term Intervention
A. L. Zenilman1, D. Blitzner1, B. R. Anderson1, D. M. Kafifa1, P. J. Chai1, E. A. Bacha1, D. J. Lavar2
1NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, NY, 2NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital, Columbia University Medical Center, NY

8:30 AM
ABSTRACT: Staging of Surgical Repairs in Children With Comorbid Long Segment Congenital Tracheal Stenosis and Congenital Cardiovascular Abnormalities
M. Ramaswamy, R. Varman, O. Fedevych, D. McIntyre, N. McIntosh, D. Roebuck, R. Hewitt, N. Muthiah
Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, United Kingdom

8:45 AM
ABSTRACT: Pediatric Tracheal Surgery: A 25-Year Review
C. L. Backer, E. H. Stephens, O. Eitayeb, M. C. Monge
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, IL
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

**Pain Management**

**MODERATOR:** Stephen C. Yang, Baltimore, MD

7:00 AM  **STS Survey Review**
Stephen C. Yang, Baltimore, MD

7:20 AM  **Government Policy and How It Affects Me**
Stephen J. Lahey, Farmington, CT

7:40 AM  **Cardiac Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS): Best Practice Use of Multimodal Anesthesia**
Daniel T. Engelman, Longmeadow, MA

8:00 AM  **Thoracic ERAS**
David C. Rice, Houston, TX

8:20 AM  **Panel Discussion**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

**General Thoracic: Mediastinal/Pulmonary**

**MODERATORS:** James Huang, New York, NY, and Ikenna Okereke, Galveston, TX

7:00 AM  **ABSTRACT:** Post-Intubation Tracheal Stenosis Management and Results
C. D. Wright1, H. Ott2, M. Lanuti1, H. Gaissert1, D. J. Mathisen1, S. M. Li2
1Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, 2First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University, China

7:15 AM  **ABSTRACT:** Newly Identified Lymph Nodes More Than Double the Chance of Recurrence and Death in Patients With Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma
J. Friedberg1, C. B. Simone1, M. Culligan1, A. Barsky5, M. E. Putt3, K. Cengel2
1University of Maryland, Baltimore, 2University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

7:30 AM  **ABSTRACT:** Repeated Surgery for Multiple Recurrences of Thymoma: Is It Really the Best Treatment?
M. Chiappetta1, E. Zafiri1, M. Mastromarino1, D. Nachira2, M. Congedo3, P. Flossos4, F. Guerrera3, M. Lucchi4, G. Di Taranta5, V. Aprile6, E. Meacci7, S. Margaritona2
1Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome, Italy, 2Fondazione Policlinico Universitario A. Gemelli IRCCS, Rome, Italy, 3University of Torino, Italy, 4University of Pisa, Italy, 5University of Barcelona, Spain

7:45 AM  **ABSTRACT:** Thymic Neuroendocrine Tumors vs Thymic Carcinoma: Demographics, Treatment, and Survival
A. Safani1, C. T. Bakhos2, L. R. Kaiser3, R. V. Petrov2, A. E. Abbas2
1Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia, PA, 2Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

8:00 AM  **ABSTRACT:** A Prospective Study of Postoperative Pain and Quality of Life Between Subxiphoid and Intercostal Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery: Mid-Term Results of NCT03331588
J. Chen
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

8:15 AM  **ABSTRACT:** Acute Pain Management Following Thoracic Surgical Procedures: Results From the STS Task Force on the Opioid Crisis Intervention in Cardiothoracic Surgery
1Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY, 2The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 3The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, 4University of California, San Francisco Medical Center and San Francisco VA Medical Center, 5University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, 6First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University, China, 7University of California, San Francisco Medical Center and San Francisco VA Medical Center, 8University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, 9The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Washington, DC, 10University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

8:30 AM  **ABSTRACT:** Primary Thoracic Soft Tissue Sarcomas: Impact of Radiation Therapy on Survival Following Surgical Resection in a Large Population Cohort
S. Rehmani1, W. Raad2, J. Weber3, S. Lazarev4, F. Bhor5
1Mount Sinai St Luke’s Hospital, New York, NY, 2Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai/Mount Sinai Health System, New York, NY, 3Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY, 4Mount Sinai Health System, New York, NY, 5Mount Sinai West, New York, NY

8:45 AM  **Role of Frailty in Risk Assessment**
Mark K. Ferguson, Chicago, IL

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

**BREAK—Visit Exhibits and Scientific Posters**

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

**Plenary Session**

**MODERATORS:** Keith S. Naunheim, St Louis, MO, and Joseph F. Sabik III, Cleveland, OH

9:30 AM  **Award Presentations**

9:45 AM  **C. Walton Lillehei Lecture: High-Performance Medicine: The Convergence of Artificial Intelligence and Health Care**
Eric Topol, La Jolla, CA

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Meet the Experts Sessions**

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Health Policy Forum: Navigating the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System and Alternative Payment Models in 2019**

This session will focus on recent changes to the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), which affects Medicare payments for cardiothoracic surgeons. MIPS assesses physicians in four categories—quality, resource use, participation in clinical practice improvement activities, and use of electronic health records. Attendees will learn what they are required to report and how they can achieve maximum scores in all four categories. In addition, Alternative Payment Models (APMs) and bundled payments for coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) surgery will be discussed.

**Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Outline the latest updates to MIPS
- Describe Medicare’s drive to move physicians into APMs
- Explain the new bundled payment program, which includes CABG procedures
- Discuss the role that the STS National Database plays in these initiatives

**MODERATOR:** Courtney Yohe Savage, Washington, DC

11:00 AM  **Introduction**
Stephen J. Lahey, Farmington, CT

11:05 AM  **Cardiothoracic Surgery and Medicare’s Push Toward Value-Based Payment**
Robert Jasak, Washington, DC

11:45 AM  **Panel Discussion**
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
BREAK—Visit Exhibits and Scientific Posters

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Adult Cardiac: Aortic Valve/Novel Technologies

MODERATORS: Derek R. Brinster, New York, NY, and Ibrahim Sultan, Pittsburgh, PA

1:00 PM
ABSTRACT: Richard E. Clark Memorial Paper for Adult Cardiac Surgery: Reoperative Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement for Bioprosthetic Failure: Insights From the STS Adult Cardiac Surgery Database

1:15 PM
DISCUSSANT: Robert A. Guyton, Atlanta, GA

1:30 PM
ABSTRACT: Impact of Aortic Atherosclerosis Burden on Outcomes in Patients Undergoing Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement: Results From the Cardiothoracic Surgical Trials Network Cerebral Embolic Protection Trial

1:45 PM
DEBATE: Extended Total Arch Reconstruction Is the New Gold Standard for All Type I Dissection
No: Michael P. Fischbein, Stanford, CA
Yes: S. Chris Malaisrie, Chicago, IL

2:15 PM
ABSTRACT: Impact of Re-Entry Tear on Proximal Descending Aorta After Open Repair of Non-Syndromic Acute Type A Aortic Dissection
J. Kirn, S. Lee, S. Lee, Y. Youn, K. Yoo, H. Joo

2:30 PM
ABSTRACT: Increasing Arch Replacements for Acute Type A Aortic Dissections—Are Outcomes Improving?

3:00 PM
ABSTRACT: Has Market Competition Influenced the Utilization of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement?

3:15 PM
DEBATE: 60-Year-Old Man With STS PROM 4.5% and Prior 19 mm Bioprosthetic Valve
Redo Aortic Valve/Root Replacement: Joseph S. Coselli, Houston, TX

3:45 PM
ABSTRACT: Repair of Aortic Valve Insufficiency With Associated Ascending Aortic Aneurysm Using Geometric Ring Annuloplasty
M. W. Gardisch, J. S. Rankin, S. D. Weaver, V. Badhwar

4:00 PM
ABSTRACT: Early vs Delayed Pacemaker Implantation for Heart Block Following Aortic Valve Replacement: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

University of Virginia, Charlottesville
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Advanced Therapies for End-Stage Cardiopulmonary Disease
Cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists, intensivists, and allied health professionals who care for patients with advanced heart and lung failure will benefit from this session, which will focus on organ transplantation and donor-related issues. Speakers will discuss the financial considerations in organ procurement, ex-vivo organ preservation, the use of donors from cardiac death and those with hepatitis C, and the recent United Network for Organ Sharing heart allocation model, which was implemented in October 2018.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

• Describe the ideal diagnostic evaluation and optimization of heart donors
• Summarize the role of organ procurement organizations, their financial and organizational infrastructure, and how they impact clinical practice in thoracic organ procurement
• Explain the current and potential future application of ex-vivo organ preservation
• Describe potential future sources of donor thoracic organs such as those with hepatitis C and from donation after cardiac death
• Explain the new heart allocation model and describe the early impact at high- and low-volume centers

MODERATOR: Jonathan W. Haft, Ann Arbor, MI

1:00 PM    Heart Donor Diagnostic Testing and Optimization: Are We All on the Same Page?
            Hannah M. Copeland, Ridgeland, MS

1:15 PM    Discussion

1:18 PM    Organ Procurement Agencies: Financial and Organizational Structure for Durable Success
            Jeffrey Orlowski, Oklahoma City, OK

1:43 PM    Discussion

1:48 PM    Ex-Vivo Thoracic Organ Preservation: Current and Future Applications
            Marcelo Cypel, Toronto, Canada

2:03 PM    Discussion

2:06 PM    Heart Donation After Cardiac Death Clinical Trial
            Jason W. Smith, Seattle, WA

2:21 PM    Discussion

2:24 PM    Use of Hepatitis C Donors
            Ashish Shafi, Nashville, TN

2:39 PM    Discussion

2:42 PM    New Heart Allocation Model and Its Early Impact
            Jonathan W. Haft, Ann Arbor, MI

2:57 PM    Discussion

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

General Thoracic: Esophageal
MODERATORS: Daniela Molena, New York, NY, and Katie S. Nason, Springfield, MA

1:00 PM    ABSTRACT: Do the 2018 Leapfrog Group Minimal Hospital and Surgeon Volume Standards for Esophagectomy Reflect Better Outcomes?
            D. T. Cooke1, H. Hashimi1, C. L. David2, L. M. Brown3, G. H. Utter1, M. Nuno1
            1University of California, Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, 2University of Massachusetts, Amherst

1:15 PM    ABSTRACT: Delaying the Treatment of Achalasia Affects Long-Term Outcomes: Lessons From a Canadian Cohort Study of 1624 Patients
            E. Frechet1, B. Allen2, K. Bray Jenkyn2, T. Maniere1, R. A. Malthaner1, S. Z. Shariff2
            1University of Sherbrooke, Longueuil, Canada, 2Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, London, Canada, 3London Health Sciences Center, Canada

1:30 PM    ABSTRACT: Understanding Failure-to-Rescue After Esophagectomy in the United States
            Z. M. Abdelalattar, E. B. Habermann, S. H. Blackmon
            Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

1:45 PM    ABSTRACT: Mortality After Esophagectomy: An Analysis of Complications and Their Association With Mortality in the STS National Database
            P. A. Linden1, C. W. Towe1, T. J. Watson2, D. E. Low3, S. D. Cassivi4, J. D. Mitchell5, Y. Y. Perry7
            1University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, OH, 2MedStar Washington, DC, 3Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA, 4Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, 5Duke Clinical Research Institute, Durham, NC, 6University of Colorado Denver, Aurora

1:45 PM    ABSTRACT: Impact of Goal-Directed Fluid Therapy on Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy: A Randomized, Controlled Clinical Trial
            X. Chen, Y. Shen, L. Tan
            Zhejiang Hospital, Shanghai, China

2:00 PM    ABSTRACT: Causes, Risk Factors, and Costs Associated With 30-Day Readmissions Following Esophagectomy: An Analysis of the Nationwide Readmission Database
            N. J. Goel1, A. Iyengar1, J. J. Kelly2, C. D. Mavroudis2, C. W. Lancaster1, N. N. Williams1, D. Dempsey1, J. C. Kucharzuk2
            1Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 2University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

2:00 PM    DEBATE: Is Post-Esophagectomy Cancer Survivorship Surveillance Necessary?
            Yes: Wayne L. Hofstetter, Houston, TX
            No: Andrew C. Chang, Ann Arbor, MI

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1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

How-To Video Session: Technical Tips to Avoid Pitfalls and Simplify Congenital and Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Procedures

This session will prepare congenital and pediatric cardiac surgeons to better master challenging operative scenarios such as complex atrioventricular valve disease and complex biventricular repairs. Attendees also will be exposed to emerging technologies and unique approaches to help them better surgically manage heart failure, mechanical support, and cardiac transplantation. Experts will share their experiences as they mastered these complex operative interventions.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Detail the technical aspects of complex operations performed in congenital and pediatric cardiac surgery
• Discuss pitfalls of critical steps in complex congenital and pediatric cardiac surgery
• Identify novel surgical approaches to make congenital and pediatric cardiac operations safer and more reproducible
• Describe the technical nuances for operative interventions that they may not commonly see in clinical practice

MODERATORS: S. Adil Husain, Salt Lake City, UT, and James D. St. Louis, Kansas City, MO

Session I: Repair of Complete Atrioventricular Septal Defect (ASD)

1:00 PM Two-Patch Technique
William I. Douglas, Kansas City, MO

1:10 PM Modified Single-Patch Technique
Osama Eltayeb, Chicago, IL

1:20 PM Repair of ASDs/Tetralogy of Fallot
E. Dean McKenzie, Atlanta, GA

1:30 PM Panel Discussion

Session II: Coronary Implantation Techniques in Complex Congenital Heart Defects

1:50 PM Anomalous Aortic Origin of the Coronary Artery
James Jaggers, Aurora, CO

2:00 PM Anomalous Left Coronary Artery Off the Pulmonary Artery
All Dodge-Khatami, Jackson, MS

2:10 PM Transposition of Great Vessels With a Single Coronary Artery
Victor O. Morell, Pittsburgh, PA

2:20 PM Panel Discussion

2:45 PM Break

Session III: Cardiac Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support

3:15 PM Anticoagulation Strategies in Patients With Ventricular Assist Devices
Lindsay May, Salt Lake City, UT

3:25 PM Mechanical Assist Devices in the Functional Single Ventricle Anomaly
David L. Morales, Cincinnati, OH

3:35 PM Complex Transplantation in Functional Single Ventricle Anomaly
Kirk R. Kanter, Atlanta, GA

3:45 PM Panel Discussion

Session IV: Complex Neonatal Repair

4:05 PM Complete Repair of Dextro-Transposition of the Great Arteries With Severe Arch Obstruction and Ventricular Septal Defect
James S. Tweddell, Cincinnati, OH

4:15 PM Primary Sutureless Repair of Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection
Christopher A. Caldarone, Toronto, Canada

4:25 PM Technical Variations With the Modified Norwood Procedure
Jennifer C. Romano, Ann Arbor, MI

4:35 PM Panel Discussion

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

How-To Video Session: General Thoracic

This session will focus on the technical strategies to incorporate minimally invasive techniques such as video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) and robotics for the performance of increasingly complicated general thoracic procedures, namely segmentectomy, esophagectomy, and thymectomy. Technical strategies and avoidance of pitfalls will be highlighted.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:
• Explain how to perform a segmentectomy
• Describe the segmental anatomy of the lung
• Describe how to approach thymectomy/thymoma with minimally invasive techniques
• Identify minimally invasive options in the management of large thymomas
• Demonstrate how to perform a minimally invasive/robotic esophagectomy
• Recognize how to avoid pitfalls in esophagectomy

1:00 PM Introduction

Esophageal
MODERATORS: Virginia R. Littie, Boston, MA, and M. Blair Marshall, Washington, DC

1:05 PM Strategies in the Management of Celiac Nodal Disease Following Neoadjuvant Treatment
Gail E. Darling, Toronto, Canada

1:15 PM Avoiding Pitfalls During Robotic Esophagectomy
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1:25 PM Creating the Optimal Conduit
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M. Blair Marshall, Washington, DC

1:45 PM Discussion

2:10 PM Break

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MODERATORS: Linda W. Martin, Charlottesville, VA, and Betty C. Tong, Durham, NC

2:20 PM Anatomy/Segment Nomenclature (Boyd System)
Linda W. Martin, Charlottesville, VA

2:30 PM When to Abandon the Segment for Lobectomy
Jessica S. Donington, Chicago, IL

2:40 PM Tips and Tricks for Identifying Nodules, Bronchial, and Vascular Anatomy During Minimally Invasive Segmentectomy
Shanda H. Blackmon, Rochester, MN

2:50 PM Tips and Tricks for the Less Common, More Difficult Segmentectomies—Basilar, Right Upper Lobe, and Lingual-Sparing Left Upper Lobe Segmentectomies (Robotic and/or VATS)
David C. Rice, Houston, TX

3:00 PM Unusual Anatomy/Anatomic Variants and How to Handle Them During Minimally Invasive Segmentectomy
Thomas A. D’Amico, Durham, NC

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MODERATORS: James Huang, New York, NY, and Robert E. Merritt, Columbus, OH

3:45 PM | Thoracoscopic Thymectomy for Non-Thymomatous Myasthenia Gravis
Joshua R. Sonett, New York, NY

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Inderpal S. Sarkaria, Pittsburgh, PA

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Michael J. Weyant, Aurora, CO

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Valerie W. Rusch, New York, NY

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1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

“My Tube” Adult Cardiac How-To Video Session

This session will provide technical tips that attendees can immediately implement in their practices. Videos featuring common cases in heart failure surgery, coronary disease, valvular disease, and aortic/great vessel disease will be presented with a focus on new technologies and alternative approaches.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

• Explain the technical aspects of complex operations commonly performed in adult cardiac surgery, with specific emphasis in the fields of structural heart disease, coronary arterial disease, aortic pathology, and heart failure
• Discuss the pitfalls of critical steps in complex cardiac surgery
• Identify novel tricks to make cardiac operations easier, safer, and more reproducible

MODERATORS: Gorav Ailawadi, Charlottesville, VA, and Ahmet Kilic, Baltimore, MD

1:00 PM | MitraClip
Kendra J. Grubb, Atlanta, GA

1:12 PM | Transapical NeoChord for Mitral Valve Repair
James S. Gammie, Stevenson, MD

1:24 PM | Transapical Mitral/Tricuspid Valve Repair With or Without Atrial Fibrillation Surgery
Richard Lee, St Louis, MO

1:36 PM | Sutureless Aortic Valve Replacement
Wilson Y. Szeto, Philadelphia, PA

1:48 PM | Transapical Myectomy
Hartzell V. Schaff, Rochester, MN

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Kenton J. Zehr, Baltimore, MD

2:12 PM | Ventricular Septal Defect Repair
Y. Joseph Woo, Stanford, CA

2:24 PM | Total Arterial Revascularization
Joseph F. Sabik III, Cleveland, OH

2:36 PM | Completely Robotic Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting
Johannes Bonatti, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

2:48 PM | Break

3:00 PM | Emerging Endovascular Approaches for Aortic Arch Repair
Ali Khoynezhad, Long Beach, CA

3:12 PM | Failed Homograft: Aortic Root Replacement
Leora T. Yanboro, Charlottesville, VA

3:24 PM | Managing Descending Thoracic Aneurysm After Previous Dissection
Joseph S. Coselli, Houston, TX

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Jose L. Navia, Cleveland, OH

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Juan A. Crestanello, Rochester, MN

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Himanshu J. Patel, Ann Arbor, MI

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Carmelo A. Milano, Durham, NC

4:24 PM | Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation With Left Ventricle Venting Strategies
Bryan A. Whitson, Columbus, OH

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Val Jeevanandam, Chicago, IL

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Igor Gosev, Rochester, NY

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Patient Safety Symposium: Innovation and Safety in the Digital Era—From EHRs to Cybersecurity

When building a “culture of safety,” one often thinks of the leadership and organizational aspects (eg, teamwork training, blame-free environment, medication errors, and root cause analysis). But digital innovations such as electronic health records (EHRs) and cybersecurity are having a growing impact on patient safety. EHRs have generated challenges for providers, specifically in regard to the user interface and availability of performance metrics. Also relevant is hospital cybersecurity as it relates to patient privacy and medical equipment/device security. Cardiothoracic surgeons and all those working in the field need to better understand the current state and future of telehealth in the health care spectrum.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

• Explain the effect of EHRs on patient safety, performance metrics, and health care delivery
• Discuss the current status and future of cybersecurity, patient privacy, and safety in health care
• Describe the effectiveness and limitations of telehealth/telemedicine now and in the future

MODERATORS: Steven D. Harrington, Clinton Township, MI, and Garrett L. Walsh, Houston, TX

1:00 PM | Introduction

1:10 PM | Technological Innovation and Medicine: Where Are We Going?
Anthony Chang, Orange, CA

1:45 PM | Cybersecurity or Cyber-Insecurity
John Frenzel, Houston, TX

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Jeffrey B. Rich, Cleveland, OH

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3:10 PM | Electronic Health Records: The Good and the Bad
J. Michael DiMaio, Dallas, TX

3:45 PM | Telehealth in Surgery: Now and the Future
Kevin W. Lobdell, Charlotte, NC

4:20 PM | Panel Discussion
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T. Watt, University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor

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H. Khoury, University of California, Los Angeles

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Left Ventricular Pseudoaneurysm of the Heart Base
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Predictive Utility of a Novel Machine Learning Algorithm in Estimating Operative Mortality After Adult Cardiac Surgery
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TICKETED EVENTS

STS UNIVERSITY
Sunday, January 27
8:00 AM – 9:45 AM (Session I)
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM (Session II)

Don’t wait until you arrive in San Diego to reserve your spot at STS University, a popular series of hands-on learning activities. When you’re registering for the meeting online, make sure to choose the STS University courses that you’d like to attend so that you get your first choices—courses sell out!

Please note: STS U courses will now be held on Sunday morning, January 27, rather than on Wednesday morning, so that busy professionals can get back to their practices.

Each course will exclusively feature hands-on experience in a wet lab or on a simulator—no didactic lectures will be given during the sessions. See pages 9-12 for a description of the courses available, and sign up today!

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION
Sunday, January 27
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Join your colleagues for the STS President’s Reception at the celebrated Hotel del Coronado on Sunday evening, January 27. Set on picturesque Coronado Island, just off the San Diego coastline, this National Historic Landmark hotel was built in 1888 and has been a popular destination for visiting celebrities, presidents, and dignitaries.

The reception will be held in the Crown Room, an elegant space with a 33-foot domed ceiling made from Oregon sugar pine and crown-shaped chandeliers designed by L. Frank Baum, author of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Several notable events have been held in the Crown Room, including a celebration for Charles Lindbergh following his solo transatlantic flight. The resort also served as the backdrop for movies, including “Some Like It Hot,” starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon.

Don’t miss this opportunity to enjoy dinner, drinks, and conversation in a historic setting. Purchase a ticket when registering for the meeting at sts.org/annualmeeting.
ARRIVE EARLY

TECH-CON
Saturday, January 26

Stay ahead of the curve when it comes to cutting-edge developments in cardiothoracic surgery by attending Tech-Con, which will be held immediately prior to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 26. The 2019 program will feature technologies anticipated to be available in the next 1-3 years, as well as innovative, off-label, and outside-the-box techniques that address complex problems.

The adult cardiac sessions will explore advancements in ischemic disease, heart failure, atrial fibrillation surgery, and aortic and structural heart disease. Attendees at the general thoracic sessions can expect to learn about evolutions in lung and chest wall surgeries, as well as esophageal surgery.

An expanded general session will feature a keynote lecture on the role of artificial intelligence in medical technology. Two exciting debates will consider whether coronary revascularization should be performed only by dedicated coronary artery bypass grafting surgeons and whether peroral endoscopic myotomy should replace laparoscopic Heller myotomy.

The day will conclude with the popular Shark Tank presentations, in which inventors pitch their ideas to a panel of experts and the audience. Devices on deck for discussion include a leakproof aortic anastomosis stapler and a valveless pulsatile-flow ventricular assist device. See pages 7-8 for detailed agendas.

Don’t miss this opportunity to see what’s coming down the pipeline. Tech-Con registration is separate from Annual Meeting registration, so make sure to register for both.

CODING WORKSHOP
Friday, January 25 – Saturday, January 26

Make your Annual Meeting plans early so that you and your team can attend the STS Coding Workshop, which will be held on Friday, January 25, and Saturday, January 26, at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina.

Cardiothoracic surgery coders, surgeons, and other billing professionals will learn about the latest coding and reimbursement updates affecting their practices. Sessions will cover new and revised codes specific to cardiothoracic surgery, with concentrations in adult cardiac surgery, congenital heart surgery, general thoracic surgery, and vascular surgery.

The program also will focus on reimbursement issues affecting the specialty as a whole, including global services, modifiers, bundling, evaluation and management (E/M) coding, and alternative payment models. The workshop will conclude with a special session on the physician’s role in documentation and reimbursement.

See the full agenda and register yourself and/or your billing manager at sts.org/codingworkshop.
MEETING LOCATION
All educational programming for the STS 55th Annual Meeting and Tech-Con 2019 will take place at the San Diego Convention Center.

San Diego Convention Center
111 W. Harbor Dr.
San Diego, CA 92101
619-525-5000
visitsandiego.com

STS HOTELS
The Society has negotiated with local San Diego hotels to offer exclusive discounted rates to STS Annual Meeting attendees. Making your reservation through the official STS room blocks helps the Society continue to leverage the best possible pricing for its members.

You must register for the Annual Meeting before you can reserve your housing. You can do both at sts.org/annualmeeting. The deadline to receive discounted room rates is Thursday, January 3, 2019.

The Society has engaged Experient as the only approved Official Registration and Housing Provider for the STS Annual Meeting. Please be wary of any other companies ostensibly offering registration and/or housing assistance for the STS Annual Meeting. Such companies typically imply that they are working with STS, but in reality are unauthorized. Please contact the Meetings & Conventions Department at meetings@sts.org if you are contacted by anyone other than Experient.

Questions?
Contact Experient, the Society’s official housing partner.

Toll free: 800-424-5249
International callers: 00-1-847-996-5829
Email: sts@experient-inc.com

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIR TRAVEL
The San Diego International Airport (SAN) is conveniently located approximately 3 miles from the San Diego Convention Center and all official STS hotels.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Car Rental
STS has negotiated special car rental rates from Hertz. Reservations may be placed at hertz.com or by calling 800-654-2240 from within the United States and Canada; from international locations, call 00-1-405-749-4434. To receive the discounted STS rate, reference convention number (CV#) 04XS0007 when making your reservation. Parking at the San Diego Convention Center ranges from $15 to $35 per day.

Taxis/Ride Shares
To hail a taxi upon arrival at SAN, follow the signs leading to the Transportation Plazas across from Terminals 1 and 2. A customer service representative will place you in the first available taxi. The approximate one-way cost to the hotels or convention center is $20. Uber, Lyft, and other ride share companies also pick up in the Transportation Plazas. Follow signage to the designated pickup lanes.

Shuttle Service / Private Car
Airport shuttle and private car services are available through SuperShuttle. Shuttle service can be accessed from the Transportation Plazas and costs approximately $8 per person from SAN to the official STS hotels. Private car service is approximately $40 one way. For reservations, call 800-9-SHUTTLE (800-974-8885) or visit supershuttle.com.

For International Attendees

ACT NOW TO OBTAIN YOUR VISA
If you plan to attend the STS Annual Meeting, advance planning is critical! Attendees from outside the United States may need to apply for a visa at the American embassy, consulate, or other visa-issuing office in their country of origin. Please begin your visa application process as soon as possible. Learn more at travel.state.gov.

If you need a personalized letter of invitation, visit sts.org/annualmeeting and complete the Letter of Invitation Request Form. Once you have submitted the form, STS will email a personalized letter of invitation to you within 1 business week. Please note: STS cannot promise that you or your colleagues will receive a visa, nor can it change the decision of any governmental agency should your application be denied.

ABOUT SAN DIEGO AND THE UNITED STATES
Even for the seasoned traveler, a trip may require some advance planning. Learn more about essential information, helpful travel tips, and answers to common questions at these websites:
sandiego.org (San Diego Tourism Authority)
visitsandiego.com (San Diego Convention Center)
san.org (San Diego International Airport)
travel.state.gov (US State Department)
cbp.gov (Customs and Border Protection)
dhs.gov/how-do-i/visit-united-states (Department of Homeland Security)
I would like to thank the members of the Annual Meeting Task Forces and all abstract reviewers who volunteered their time, energy, and expertise in developing the STS 55th Annual Meeting program.

– Richard Lee, Chair, Workforce on Annual Meeting
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