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Access STS 54th Annual Meeting Online for Free!

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale, or if you missed a session you had hoped to catch, access to the [STS 54th Annual Meeting Online](#) product is FREE for STS Candidate and Pre-Candidate Members. These web-based videos feature presenter slide animation and cursor movement as if you were in the meeting room. Experience cutting-edge scientific sessions, talks from renowned speakers, and thought-provoking debates—all from the comfort of your home or office.

Save the date! Mark your calendars now for the STS 55th Annual Meeting in San Diego, January 26-30, 2019. Abstract submission will open in late spring; check sts.org/annualmeeting for more information.

Apply for TSF Medical Volunteer Scholarship

The Thoracic Surgery Foundation (TSF), through the generosity of the Edwards Lifesciences Foundation, is offering new travel scholarships of \$2,500 each for qualified cardiothoracic surgery residents and early career cardiothoracic surgeons who want to participate in international medical volunteerism (charity work) in underserved regions/populations. Each [International Medical Volunteer Scholarship](#) recipient will be matched with a TSF/Edwards-sponsored cardiac medical mission trip and serve as an active member of the volunteer team, assisting with surgery, screening, and medical education for underserved patients. [Submit your completed application](#) by Monday, March 26, at 11:59 p.m. Central Time. If you have questions, contact the Foundation at tsf@sts.org or 312-202-5868. *TSF is the charitable arm of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons.*

Annual Residents Symposium Provides Helpful Career Information

[Slides from the 2018 Residents Symposium](#) in Fort Lauderdale are now available. This year's program offered information on careers in private practice versus academics, how to find the right position, and negotiating contracts, as well as tips on building a successful clinical practice, finances, and achieving work-life balance.

Check Out New Career Development Blog

In an effort to help early career cardiothoracic surgeons succeed in the field, members of the STS Workforce on Career Development have launched a blog offering practical career advice. The first article, "[Strategies for Obtaining Funding as a New Investigator](#)," by David D. Odell, MD, MMSc, provides guidance on how to develop a research portfolio. New posts are planned monthly. If you have topics that you would like addressed, contact Darcy Sengewald at dsengewald@sts.org.

New Roundtable Videos and Audio Available

The Society has continued its series of roundtable discussions on a wide-ranging variety of issues. Check out the [STS YouTube page](#) for the latest videos, including discussions on anticoagulation during cardiopulmonary bypass, transcatheter-based mitral valve repair and replacement, and diversity in cardiothoracic surgery. **New for 2018**—listen to the audio on the [STS Podcast Episodes page](#), or subscribe to the Surgical Hot Topics podcast on iTunes, Google Play, Stitcher, or wherever you access your podcasts.

TSF Braunwald Fellowship Awarded

The TSF's [Nina Starr Braunwald Research Fellowship Award](#) supports up to \$30,000 per year for up to 2 years for a female resident working in a cardiac surgical clinic or laboratory research program. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Patpilai Kasinpila, MD, from Stanford University, whose research project will evaluate sustained-release engineered stromal cell-derived factor 1-alpha analogue in injectable hydrogels in an ovine myocardial infarction model. Applications for the [2019 awards program](#) will open on July 15.