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STS 54th Annual Meeting Online Now Available

Did you miss the STS Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale? If you were unable to attend, you can now purchase [STS 54th Annual Meeting Online](#). If you attended the meeting, access to Annual Meeting Online was included free with your meeting registration. [Access Annual Meeting Online now](#). Attendees and purchasers will receive unlimited access through January 31, 2019. 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, California, 26-30 January 2019. Abstract submission will open in late spring; check sts.org/annualmeeting for more information.

Request a Visa for STS Educational Courses

The Society has several [live educational courses](#) planned for 2018, including symposia on robotic cardiac and thoracic surgery, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, quality measurement and improvement, and critical care. If you require a visa to attend any of these meetings, STS can provide you with a customized invitation letter to help with the process. After completing the [Visa Invitation Letter Request Form](#), you'll receive a letter signed by STS Director of Education & Member Services Damon Marquis and stating that you are cordially invited to attend and participate in the event(s) that you have selected.

TSF Awards Aid Surgical Mission Trips to Developing Countries

The Thoracic Surgery Foundation, the Society's charitable arm, has awarded seven new surgical mission grants that will help advance treatment options for patients with heart valve disease and offer much-needed assistance to underserved patients in developing countries, including Kenya, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Rwanda, and Uganda. [View a list of the award winners](#). The [2019 awards program](#) will open on July 15.

Download Patient Handout in English or Spanish

The Society's patient website, ctsurgerypatients.org, provides easily understandable information, videos, and graphics on cardiothoracic diseases, as well as what to expect before, during, and after surgery. Available in both English and Spanish, this website is viewable on computers, tablets, and smartphones. Download a printable PDF in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) (new!) to share with your patients so that they can access this helpful resource between appointments. If you have feedback on the website, contact Jennifer Bagley at jbagley@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.