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What is the TSDA email curriculum project?

Weekly email

Optimal accessibility (no passwords)

Designed to start conversations

Analogous to 'Parkland Papers' (Bob McClelland)

More like a presentation at a meeting than a textbook

An evolving system



Who's using (or thinking of using) it?

Thoracic programs in U.S. and Canada

Cardiac Anesthesiology fellowship programs

American Society of Transplant Surgeons

Congenital Cardiac Surgery programs

Physicians Assistant programs



Examples of talks and readings
from January 2010

January 11, 2010. Thoracic Topic: Tracheal Surgery

Talk:

A Surgeon's View of the Trachea by Doug Mathisen

Reading:

Techniques of Reconstruction & Resection by Hermes Grillo

Pediatric Tracheal Surgery by Cameron Wright

January 25, 2010. Cardiac topic: IMR

Talks:

- 1) Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation by Kent Harman (new talk)
- 2) MV repair for IMR: techniques and results by Toby Cosgrove
- 3) Rx of IMR by Craig Miller

Reading:

Pathophysiology of Mitral Disease by Craig Miller and Jim Fann
Mitral Valve Repair by Larry Cohn

January 25, 2010

Critical Care Reading:

AKI in the ICU. Critical Care Medicine, 1-2010





January 25, 2010

Announcements:

TSRA/TSDA 2010 CT Technology Symposium

April 23 - 25, 2010

Cincinnati, Ohio

www.ctsymposium.org



How are different programs using the email curriculum?

1 conference a week (Emory)

2 conferences a week (multiple others)

10 day lag prior to conference (MUSC)

conference with questions (USC, Baker)



Shifting needs in our discipline

There are now at least 9 different pathways for training

Younger residents

Differing backgrounds

Less preparation during General Surgery

Increased emphasis on other competencies

Need for more formal training in techniques



Recent 'speed-bumps'

Changes in TSDA leadership

Formation of the Advisory Board for the JCTSE

Loss of technical support

Increasing variety of IT platforms (Mac, Windows, etc)

Other tumult



Recent Advances

Hal Walters: congenital talks are in the pipeline

Dan Miller: thoracic talks are ready

Nevin Katz, Glenn Whitman: critical care reading suggestions

Robin Pierson: transplant talks in preparation (ASTS)

IT support (Little Green Cube, Inc)



Ongoing efforts

e-access to latest Shields (LoCicero, Reed, Feins)

coordination with residents' sxn of CTSNET (Halkos, Nguyen)

review of good talks that don't function optimally

reacting to ABTS letter to JCTSE & TSDA

experimenting with 'courses' (Vaporciyan, Ara)

adding critical care emphasis (Whitman, Katz, others)



Other ideas being considered.....

facilitating commentary

social networking (Facebook)

other types of discussion forums

interviews (ACCEL)

'publishing' articles



Would you be willing to help?

Make a talk?

Narrate a talk?

Critique a talk?

Interview someone?

Find key articles?

Write a book review?

Ask speakers to help?



What are other ways you can help?

Recruit residents and junior faculty to create talks

Sign up as many folks as possible (email to tsda@tsda.org)

Be on the lookout for good talks (Thurer)



What's in it for you (or your faculty)?

academic 'credit'

publicity for your program



How do you make a talk
(or provide commentary)??

instructions on TSDA web site (tsda.org, under curriculum)
send us a PowerPoint and we'll find a narrator
commentary could be just 1 slide

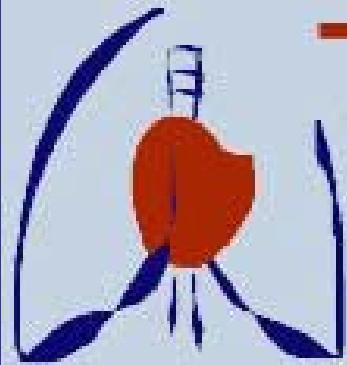


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Send suggestions...

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