



Report of activities

July 2010 – May 2011

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President, TSRA

May 7, 2011

TSRA

- Represents all thoracic surgery residents
- Functions under the auspices of the TSDA
- Executive Committee (12 members)
- New members and officers elected every year (July)

Executive Committee 2010-2011

Carlos Mery (President)

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University of Minnesota

Jennifer Nelson (STS Director, Ex-Officio)

University of Michigan

*Term expired Dec 2010

Creation of subcommittees

- Education
 - Chaired by TSRA Representative to JCTSE
 - Goal: To coordinate all TSRA efforts to evaluate and improve thoracic surgery education

- Communications
 - Chaired by TSRA Secretary
 - Voice of TSRA

Education Committee

- Survey of outstanding CT surgery programs
 - Joint project with JCTSE, STS, AATS
 - Identification of traits that residents considered that make a CT program outstanding
 - 50 characteristics ranked in 7-point Likert scale
 - Survey closed Jan 2011
 - 104 responses (~ 1/3 of all residents)

Characteristics of outstanding programs

Variable	Very strongly or strongly important – N(%)
Reputation of CT surgery	95 (92%)
Expectation of resident as operating surgeon	94 (91%)
Help in finding employment	94 (90%)
High volume	92 (88%)
Complexity of cases	92 (88%)
High rate of passing boards	90 (87%)
Strong culture of education	86 (83%)

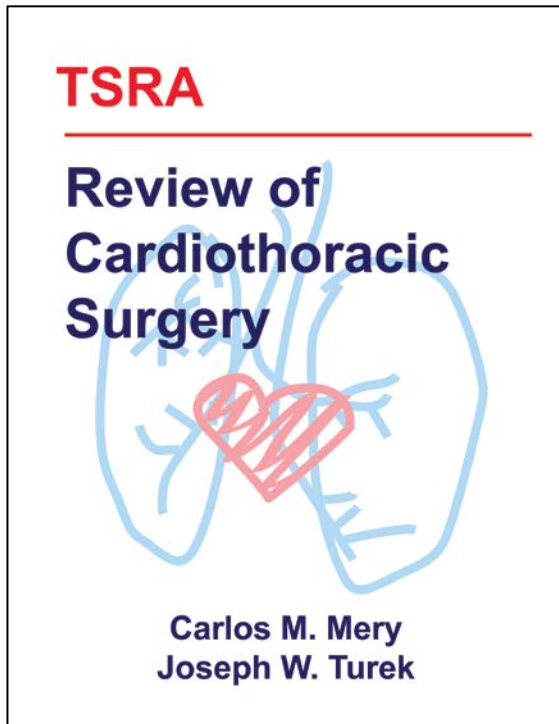
Communications Committee

- TSRA website
- Thoracic Surgery News
 - Monthly section under Resident's corner
- Liaison to residents in STS workforces
- Primer of cardiothoracic surgery

TSRA Review of Cardiothoracic Surgery

- Brief review book
- Written by 50+ thoracic surgery residents from different programs
- Edited by TSRA
- 80+ chapters on adult cardiac, general thoracic, congenital cardiac surgery, and cardiothoracic critical care

TSRA Review of Cardiothoracic Surgery



- Electronic
 - Free-of-charge
 - PDF and e-book
 - Multiple formats and platforms
- Print
 - Small fee
 - Amazon.com

International Network of Young Cardiothoracic Surgeons (iNYCTS)

- Independent social/professional network created with EACTS and other international trainee organizations
- **Goal:** To promote the exchange of ideas and experiences with other young CT surgeons around the globe

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Question: You are about to perform an aortic valve replacement in a patient with both right and left sided heart failure. During the sternotomy, you notice a gush of uncontrollable blue blood and the patient's blood pressure bottoms out. It's beginning to look like an iatrogenic injury to the innominate vein. How would you manage this?

Tuesday at 7:20pm · Like · Comment

Rafa Sádaba, Rodrigo Zamora, Joel Dunning and 2 others like this.

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Eidar Dzhenchuraev pump ! then check all veins !))) Yesterday at 10:22am

Abu Yamin Khamis if it's sucking air it must be a big tear or 2 stg venous cannula has slipped out..small size should be able to be managed by local control .if position confirmed and tear is too big ..partial snare of svc might help with cardiotomy sucker at injured site.the plumbing work is now begin. 6 hours ago

Joel Dunning

looks interesting. I have just E-mailed and asked for a free sample of synthetic saphenous vein to practice on ! Might help me with my bleeding distal anastomoses !

Wall

Info

Photos (7)

Discussions

Events

547 people like this

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American Association for Thoracic Surgery

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS)

Cardiothoracic Surgery

www.facebook.com/iNYCTS

- Created as a Facebook page
- Seven administrators:
 - United States (2)
 - Germany
 - Japan
 - Spain
 - Switzerland
 - UK
- ~ 550 members / followers

ITE Workforce Survey

- Mandatory annual survey to thoracic residents completed prior to the ITE
- **Goal:** To assess resident employment opportunities and current experiences regarding training and education

2011 ITE Workforce Survey

	2010 (n=299)	2011 (n=305)
Will feel adequately trained	81%	87%
Will feel well prepared for ABTS exams		88%
Difficulties achieving index case requirements		18%
Planning additional training	39%	45%
Never or rare use of simulation training	62%	53%
Would recommend CT surgery	65%	73%

Most important characteristic of outstanding training programs:

- Expectation of resident as primary surgeon 47%
- Culture of education 24%

2011 ITE Workforce Survey

Number of job interviews received	2007 (n=129)	2011 (n=85)
None	22%	15%
1	18%	19%
2	19%	25%
3 or more	41%	41%

Fellowship / elective database

- Database of national and international educational opportunities for trainees (electives, advanced fellowships)
- Available in TSRA and CTSNet websites
- For additions and changes, contact Ramesh Singh (ramesh.singh@ucdenver.edu)

Dr. Dwight McGoon Award

Awarded at AATS meeting to a young faculty,
great educator of thoracic surgery residents

Dr. Peyman Benharash	UCLA
Dr. Edward Chen	Emory University
Dr. Frederick Chen	Brigham and Women's Hospital
Dr. John Doty	Intermountain Medical Center
Dr. Arnar Geirsson	Yale University
Dr. Wayne Hofstetter	M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Dr. Wilson Szeto	University of Pennsylvania

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