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#### PRE-REQUISITE READINGS

[Interventional Treatments for Atrial and Ventricular Arrhythmias](#), pp 1357-1374 (See Part VI, Cardiac Arrhythmias), by Eckar, R. and Epstein, L., in in Cohn, L.H., Edmunds, L.H., *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Second Edition*, McGraw Hill, New York, 2003.

[A State of the Art Review of Esophageal Trauma: Where Do We Stand?](#), Plott, E., et al, in *Diseases of the Esophagus*, 2007; 20:279-89, available in the 2007 Third Quarter Thoracic Literature Watch on CTSNet Thoracic Specialty Portal.

#### CORE CURRICULUM

##### Cardiac: Congenital CPB

##### Talks

- [Neurological Protection in Infants](#) – Richard A. Jonas, MD
- [The Systemic Inflammatory Response in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery](#) – James Jagers, MD

##### Readings

Management of the Pediatric Cardiac Surgical Patient, Chapter 53, pp 1023-1025 and pp 1032-1037, in Yuh, D.D., Vricella, L.A., Baumgartner, W., *Johns Hopkins Manual of Cardiothoracic Surgery*, New York, McGraw-Hill, 2007.

##### Thoracic: Chest Wall Tumors

##### Talks

- [Management of Pectus Excavatum and Carinatum](#) – Michael Lanuti, MD

##### Readings

Chest Wall Deformities by Shamberger, R.C., Chapter 41, pp 653-681, in Shields, T.W., LoCicero, J., Ponn, R.B. (eds). *General Thoracic Surgery, Sixth Edition*, Philadelphia, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.

## Additional Readings

[Chest Wall Surgery: Nuss Technique for Repair of Pectus Escavatum in the Adult](#), Molins, L., Fibla, J.J., Perez, J. and Vidal, G., Multimedia Manual of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (MMCTS), January 2, 2007, European Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- View [readings and references](#) from this and past curricula e-mails.
- View TSDA Weekly Curricula [E-mail Archive](#).
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## TSDA NEWS

- The **2008 TSDA In-Training Exam** is scheduled for Saturday, April 5. Contact Nancy Puckett or Katie McAuliff at [tsda@tsda.org](mailto:tsda@tsda.org) if you need to request the alternate date of April 12. (Program Director approval is required.) If the program coordinator has not received registration materials for the 2008 ITE, please contact Katie McAuliff at [kmcauliff@tsda.org](mailto:kmcauliff@tsda.org) or at (312) 202-5835. **The deadline to register is February 15.**
- Core Curriculum assignments for December 2007 through June 2008 are now posted on the [TSDA home page](#). Note: Next week's topics are cardiac tumors and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy.
- If you have comments or suggestions for the TSDA Weekly Curricula E-mails, please contact Nancy Puckett at [npuckett@tsda.org](mailto:npuckett@tsda.org).

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