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PRE-REQUISITE READINGS

- [Pathophysiology of Mitral Valve Disease](#), by Fann, J.I., Ingels, Jr., N.B., Miller, D.C., pp 973-1012 Cohn, L.H., *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult*, Third Edition, New York; McGraw-Hill, 2007.
- [Recurrence of Mitral Regurgitation Parallels the Absence of Left Ventricular Reverse Remodeling after Mitral Repair in Advanced Cardiomyopathy](#) by De Bonis, M., Lapenna, E., Verzini, A., et al., *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* 2008; 85: 932-939.

CORE CURRICULUM

Cardiac: Tetralogy of Fallot

Talks

- [Right Ventricle to Pulmonary Artery Conduits: New Alternatives](#) – Pedro J. del Nido, MD
- [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) – Roger B. Mee, MB, BCh

Readings

- Ventricular Septal Defect with Pulmonary Stenosis or Atresia (Chapter 24, see especially pp 964-981, sections “Clinical Features and Diagnostic Criteria” through “Repair of Tetralogy of Fallot in Infancy Using Hypothermic Circulatory Arrest”) in Kouchoukos, N., Blackstone, E., Doty, D., Hanley, F., and Karp, R., eds., *Cardiac Surgery: Kirklin/Barratt-Boyes, Third Edition*, Philadelphia: Elsevier, 2003.

Research (Note: There is no Thoracic topic for this week's e-mail.)

Talks

- [Strategies for Pursuing External Funding](#) – Robert M. Mentzer, Jr., MD
- [The Academic Surgeon in a Non-Academic Environment: Pursuing Clinical Research in Private Practice](#) – Michael J. Mack, MD

Readings

- [Principles on Conduct of Clinical Trials and Communication of Clinical Trial Results](#), (see pp 13-16) published by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America,

- June 2004.
- [Clinical Trial Registration – Looking Back and Moving Ahead](#), by Laine, C., Horton, R., DeAngelis, C.D., et.al., *New England Journal of Medicine*, 356:2734-2736, June 28, 2007 Editorial.

REMINDER: The problem with viewing slides from two recent thoracic talks has now been fixed. You can access these talks below:

- [Tracheobronchosplasty for Lung Cancer](#) – Douglas J. Mathisen, MD (Sent on January 3)
- [A Surgeon's View of Tracheal Surgery](#) – Douglas J. Mathisen, MD (Sent on March 6)
- The corrected links have also been added to the [archived e-mails](#). TSDA regrets the inconvenience. Please continue to let us know at tsda@tsda.org if you have further problems accessing these or other talks.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- NOTE: CTSNet has posted the [2007 Fourth Quarter Thoracic Literature Watch](#), edited by Mark K. Ferguson, MD.
- View [readings and references](#) from this and past Curricula E-mails.
- View TSDA Weekly Curricula [E-mail Archive](#).
- [Access](#) the complete TSDA Education Universe.

TSDA NEWS

- The full [88-week core curriculum](#) has now been posted on the TSDA Web site. The curriculum is currently in March of year one. Year two of the two-year schedule will begin in July 2008.
- The [Cardiothoracic Technology Symposium](#), sponsored by TSRA and TSDA, will be held April 18-20, 2008, at the University of Cincinnati Center for Surgical Innovation and the Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Residents wishing to participate in this popular program should request a letter of nomination from their Program Director and visit www.ctsymposium.org for more information.
- The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is now accepting abstracts for presentations at its 55th Annual Meeting, November 5-8, 2008, in Austin, Texas. Visit www.stsa.org to access the abstract submission system. **The deadline for STSA abstract submission is April 14, 2008.**
- If you have comments or suggestions for the TSDA Weekly Curricula E-mails, please contact Nancy Puckett at npuckett@tsda.org.

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