



TSDA Weekly Curricula

Thoracic Surgery Directors Association

TSDA Weekly Curricula for the week of **September 21, 2009**.

Week 10 of 88, Year 1

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Welcome to Week 10, Year 1 of the TSDA Weekly Curricula. The Curricula is based on an 88-week lesson plan presented over two years (44 weeks per year). You can expect to receive TSDA Weekly Curricula e-mail messages every Thursday for the upcoming week, with the exception of holiday weekends. The weekly assignments are a supplement to your residency curriculum and include pre-requisite basic readings for newly-matched residents, as well as core curriculum topics with more extensive and in-depth materials for CT surgery residents. TSDA hopes the Weekly Curricula expands your current knowledge base and enhances your learning experience.

PRE-REQUISITE READING

- Pulmonary Gas Exchange, Chapter 7, pp 93-103, by Matthews J, in *General Thoracic Surgery, Sixth Edition*, Shields TW, LoCicero J, Ponn RB, Rusch V (eds), Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.
- Mechanics of Breathing, Chapter 8, pp 104-112, by O'Donnell CR, in *General Thoracic Surgery, Sixth Edition*, Shields TW, LoCicero J, Ponn RB, Rusch V (eds), Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.

CORE CURRICULUM

Cardiac Topic: Congenital ASD and PAPVR

Cardiac Talk*

- [Atrial Septal Defects & Anomalous Pulmonary Veins](#) – Vincent Parnell, MD

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Cardiac Reading

- Atrial Septal Defects and Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection, Chapter 56, pp 1057-1074, by Troise D, Ringel RE, Vricella LA, Arciprete P, in *The Johns Hopkins Manual of Cardiothoracic Surgery*, New York, McGraw-Hill, 2007.

Thoracic Topic: Esophageal Strictures

Thoracic Talks*

- [Esophageal Dilatation](#) – Richard Battafarano, MD
- [Management of Peptic Strictures](#) – F. Griffith Pearson, MD

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Thoracic Reading

- Benign Strictures of the Esophagus, Chapter 146, pp 2200-2216, by Jeyasingham K, in *General Thoracic Surgery, Sixth Edition*, Shields TW, LoCicero J, Ponn RB, Rusch V (eds), Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.

Additional Thoracic Reading

- [The Two-Pound Rule: A Personal Experience with 1,226 Cases of Esophageal Dilation](#), by Filipi CJ, El Sherif A, in *Journal of American College of Surgeons*, 2007, 205:819-821.

New! Critical Care Reading

- [Etomidate Versus Ketamine for Rapid Sequence Intubation in Acutely Ill Patients: A Multicentre Randomized Controlled Trial](#), by Jabre P, et al, in *The Lancet*, Volume 374, July 25, 2009. Abstract attached.
Interpretation: Our results show that ketamine is a safe and valuable alternative to etomidate for endotracheal intubation in critically ill patients, and should be considered in those with sepsis.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Attention program directors, faculty and residents:** If you know of a curriculum topic for which you would like to create a talk, the TSDA Curriculum Committee encourages such contributions. [Instructions for creating and submitting a talk can be found on TSDA.org](#). Submissions prepared according to these instructions will be reviewed by the TSDA Curriculum Committee Editorial Board.
- View the [88-week core curriculum](#). The schedule is currently in Week 10 of 88, Year 1.
- A complete listing of TSDA Weekly Curricula cardiac and thoracic [talks and readings](#) is posted on TSDA.org. Talks and readings reflect the 88-week core curriculum. Content is subject to change.
- View TSDA Weekly Curricula [Readings and References](#).
- View TSDA Weekly Curricula [E-mail Archive](#).
- View [open CT surgery residency positions](#) on TSDA.org.
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NEWS & INFORMATION

- **AATS 90th Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario:** Call for Abstracts deadline is Monday, October 5, 2009 at 11:59 p.m. EDT. [Click here](#) to submit an abstract or visit www.aats.org to learn more.
- **Aortic Symposium 2010, New York, NY:** Call for Abstracts deadline is Friday, December 11, 2009 at 11:59 p.m. EST. [Click here](#) to submit an abstract or visit www.aats.org to learn more.

- **Save the Date:** The TSDA General Session will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Watch TSDA.org for more information.
- **New and Improved Residents Section of CTSNet:** The [residents section of CTSNet](#) has undergone a renovation which allows for easier navigation and includes new sections for general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery residents. The new section includes links for resident education, program profiles, AHA/ACC guidelines, and links to associated CT surgery websites.
- **CTSNet Launches Career Center:** CTSNet now provides tools to better manage job searches, including a targeted focus on employment opportunities in the CT field that allows users to browse and organize jobs by keyword, location, job type, and other categories. An advanced Job Alert system notifies candidates of new opportunities that match pre-selected criteria. Employers and recruiters can browse resumes and post jobs through specialized employer accounts.
- **STSA Annual Meeting Registration Now Open:** Register now for the upcoming STSA 56th Annual Meeting, to be held November 4-7, 2009 at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort in Marco Island, FL. The advance registration deadline is October 9, 2009. Visit www.stsa.org for more information.
- Please contact Beth Winer at bwiner@tsda.org if you have comments or suggestions for the TSDA Weekly Curricula.

The next message will be sent on September 24 for the week of September 28.

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