



TSDA Weekly Curricula

Thoracic Surgery Directors Association

TSDA Weekly Curricula for the week of **October 26, 2009**.

Week 15 of 88, Year 1

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Welcome to Week 15, 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

- [Myocardial Revascularization with Percutaneous Devices](#), Chapter 21, pp 573-597, by Wilson JM, Willerson JT, in *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Third Edition*, Cohn LH (ed), New York, McGraw-Hill, 2008.

CORE CURRICULUM

Cardiac Topic: Aortic Aneurysmal Disease – Ascending Aortic Aneurysms and Size

Cardiac Talk*

- [Perspectives on Diseases of the Thoracic Aorta](#) – John Elefteriades, MD

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Cardiac Reading

- [Ascending Aortic Aneurysms](#), Chapter 52, pp 1223-1235, by Brinster DR, Rizzo RJ, Bolman RM III, Sections: Introduction through Management of Associated Conditions, in *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Third Edition*, Cohn LH (ed), New York, McGraw-Hill, 2008.

Additional Cardiac Readings

- [What is the Appropriate Criterion for Resection of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms](#), by Cody MA, Rizzo JA, Elefteriades JA, in the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, 1997; 113:476-491.

- [Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm: Reading the Enemy's Playbook](#), by Elefteriades JA, in the *World Journal of Surgery*, 2008; 32:366-374. Abstract attached.

Thoracic Topic: Ethics: Who Not To Operate On?

Thoracic Talk*

- [The Ethic of Surgery: Foundations](#) – Martin McKneally, MD

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Thoracic Readings

- [Should Emergency Surgical Intervention be Performed for an Octogenarian with Type A Acute Aortic Dissection?](#), by Hata M, Sezai A, Niino T, Yoda M, Unosawa S, Furukawa N, Osaka S, Murakami T, Minami K, in the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, 2008; 135:1042-1046.
- ["We Didn't Expect Dementia and Diapers": Reflections on the Nihon Experience With Type A Aortic Dissection in Octogenarians](#), by McKneally MF, in the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, 2008; 135:984-985.
- [Discharge to Home Rates Are Significantly Lower for Octogenarians Undergoing Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery](#), by Bardakci H, Cheema FH, Topkara VK, Dang NC, Martens TP, Mercado ML, Forster CS, Benson AA, George I, Russo MJ, Oz MC, Esrig BC, in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, 2007; 83:483-489.

Critical Care Reading

- [Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for 2009 Influenza A\(H1N1\) Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome](#), by The Australia and New Zealand Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ANZ ECMO) Influenza Investigators, in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2009; 302(17):(doi:10.1001/jama.2009.1535).
This article will get widespread attention with publication since being published in JAMA. Thus, some thoracic and cardiovascular surgeons will be called on to consider ECMO for young people who might otherwise die from the H1N1 flu.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Second Quarter 2009 Literature Watches Now Posted on CTSNet.org:** Visit the [Literature Watch section of CTSNet](#) to view Thoracic and Endovascular articles appearing in medical and surgical journals other than those found on CTSNet.
- **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 15 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.

- Access the [TSDA Education Universe](#).

NEWS & INFORMATION

- **TSDA General Session 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.
- **ITE Save the Date:** The TSDA In-Training Exam will be held April 10, 2010 with a back up date of April 17, 2010. Registration materials will be mailed to Program Directors in early 2010.
- **STS 46th Annual Meeting Registration and Housing Now Open:** The [STS 46th Annual Meeting](#) will be held January 25-27, 2010 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. [Become a fan of the STS 46th Annual Meeting on Facebook](#).
- **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.
- 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 October 29 for the week of November 1.

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