



# TSDA Weekly Curricula

## Thoracic Surgery Directors Association

TSDA Weekly Curricula for the week of **November 30, 2009**.

### Week 19 of 88, Year 1

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Welcome to Week 19, 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

- Echocardiography in Cardiac Surgery, Chapter 49, pp 943-967, by Mora S, Wu KC, in *The Johns Hopkins Manual of Cardiothoracic Surgery*, New York, McGraw-Hill, 2007.

### CORE CURRICULUM

#### Cardiac Topic: Mitral Valve Stenosis

#### Cardiac Talks\*

- [Mitral Stenosis](#) – Charles F. Schwartz, MD
- [Natural History of Mitral Stenosis and ECHO Criteria and Pitfalls in Selecting People for Balloon Valvotomy](#) – Marvin Berger, MD
- [Hemodynamic Assessment of Valvular Heart Disease by Doppler ECHO: Is Cardiac Catheterization Ever Necessary?](#) – A. Jamil Tajik, MD

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#### Cardiac Reading

- [Mitral Valve Replacement](#), Chapter 43, pp 1032-1049, by Gudbjartsson T, Absi T, Aranki S, sections: Indications for Mitral Valve Replacement through Associated Operations/Procedures, in *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Third Edition*, Cohn LH (ed), New York, McGraw-Hill, 2008.

## Thoracic Topic: Esophageal Foreign Bodies

### Thoracic Talk\*

- [Esophageal Foreign Body](#) – James S. Allan, MD

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### Thoracic Reading

- Foreign Bodies in the Esophagus, Chapter 137, pp 2095-2100, by Stevoff CG, Craig RM, in *General Thoracic Surgery, Sixth Edition*, Shields TW, LoCicero J, Ponn RB, Rusch V (eds), Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.

### Additional Thoracic Readings

- [Management of Esophageal Foreign Bodies: A Retrospective Review of 400 Cases](#), by Athanassiadi K, Gerazounis M, Metaxas E, Kalantzi N, in the *European Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery*, 2002; 21:653-656.  
(A large retrospective study with several helpful tips)
- [Foreign Bodies in the Esophagus](#), by Weissberg D, Refaely Y, in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, 2007; 84:1854-1857.

### Critical Care Reading

- [Effect of Work-Hours Regulations on Intensive Care Unit Mortality in United States Teaching Hospitals](#), by Prasad M, Iwashyna T, Christie J, Kramer A, Silber J, Volpp K, Kahn JM, in *Critical Care Medicine*, September 2009, Volume 37, Issue 9, pp 2564-2569.

## 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 19 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.
- View [2010 CT surgery residency interview dates](#) on TSDA.org
- Access the TSDA [Education Universe](#).

## NEWS & INFORMATION

- **New! Attention residents:** The TSRA/TSDA 2010 Cardiothoracic Technology Symposium will be held April 23-25, 2010 at the University of Cincinnati Center for Surgical Innovation and Kingsgate Marriott Hotel. The CT Symposium consists of didactic sessions, unique hands-on cadaver and animal laboratory experiences, and porcine cardiac wet labs. Didactic components feature practical information from speakers who are

acknowledged experts in their respective fields. Registration is free and will open in early 2010. For more information, visit [www.ctsymposium.org](http://www.ctsymposium.org).

- **TSDA General Session** will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Visit the [General Sessions section of TSDA.org](http://www.tsda.org/general-sessions) to view the preliminary meeting agenda.
- **TS-RACS Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Visit the [Coordinators and Administrators section of TSDA.org](http://www.tsda.org/coordinators-administrators) to view the preliminary meeting agenda.
- **STS 46th Annual Meeting Registration and Housing Now Open:** The [STS 46th Annual Meeting](http://www.sts.org/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](https://www.facebook.com/STS46thAnnualMeeting).
- **AATS 2010 Annual Meeting** will be held May 1-5, 2010 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Registration and housing is now open. Visit [www.aats.org/annualmeeting](http://www.aats.org/annualmeeting) to learn more.
- **Aortic Symposium 2010** will be held April 29-30, 2010 in New York City. Abstract deadline is December 11, 2009. Registration and housing is now open. Visit [www.aats.org/aortic](http://www.aats.org/aortic) to learn more.
- **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.
- Please contact Beth Winer at [bwiner@tsda.org](mailto:bwiner@tsda.org) if you have comments or suggestions for the TSDA Weekly Curricula.

*The next message will be sent on December 3 for the week of December 7.*

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