



This is the TSDA Weekly Curricula E-mail for the **week of January 21**.

## PRE-REQUISITE READINGS

This week's pre-requisite readings can be accessed through the links provided below or through the Thoracic Specialty Portal section of [www.CTSNet.org](http://www.CTSNet.org).

- [Visualization of Lung Sounds with Vibration Response Imaging \(VRI\): Technical and Clinical Aspects](#), by Anantham, D., Becker, H., and Ernst, A., on *CTSNet Thoracic Specialty Portal*, CTSNet, 2007.
- [Classifying Esophageal Motility by Pressure Topography Characteristics: A Study of 400 Patients and 75 Controls](#), by Pandolfino, J.E., Ghosh, S.K., Rice, J., Clark, J.O., Kwiatek, M.A., and Kahrilas, P.J., *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, 203(1):27-37, 2008.

## CORE CURRICULUM

### Cardiac: Ischemic Mitral Disease

#### Talks

- [Mitral Valve Repair for Ischemic Mitral Insufficiency: Techniques and Results](#) – Delos Cosgrove, MD
- [Treatment of Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation](#) – Craig Miller, MD

#### Readings

- [Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation](#), by Gorman, R.C., Gorman, J.H., and Edmunds, Jr., L.J., Chapter 28 (See sections "Chronic Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation" through "A Look to the Future"), in Cohn, L.H., Edmunds, L.H., *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Second Edition*, McGraw Hill, New York, 2003.

### Thoracic: Interesting Case Conference

- Use this time for an interesting case conference on a thoracic surgery topic.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- View [readings and references](#) from this and past curricula e-mails.
- View TSDA [Weekly Curricula E-mail Archive](#).
- Visit <http://www.tsdacurriculum.org/login.asp> for access to the complete TSDA Education Universe

## 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.
- TSDA General Session will be held Saturday, January 26, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, in Floridian Ballroom at the Greater Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center. **All Program Directors should attend.**
- **Resident events at the upcoming STS Annual Meeting** include the TSRA Luncheon on Monday, January 28, and the STS Residents Luncheon on Tuesday, January 29. **Note: CT surgery residents register for free with a letter from their Program Director!** Visit [www.sts.org](http://www.sts.org) for more information.
- Core Curriculum assignments for December 2007 through June 2008 are now posted on the [TSDA home page](#).
- 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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