



This is the TSDA Weekly Curricula E-mail for the **week of March 17**.

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SPECIAL NOTE: The problem with viewing slides from two recent thoracic talks has now been fixed. You can access these talks and the slides at the following links:

- [Tracheobronchosplasty for Lung Cancer](#) by Douglas J. Mathisen, MD (E-mail sent on January 3, 2008), and
- [A Surgeon's View of Tracheal Surgery](#) by Douglas J. Mathisen, MD (E-mail sent last week on March 6).

The corrected links have also been added to the [archives](#). TSDA regrets the inconvenience. Please continue to contact us at tsda@tsda.org if you have further problems accessing these or other talks.

PRE-REQUISITE READINGS

- [Aortic Valve Replacement with a Mechanical Valve Prosthesis](#) by Emery, R.W., et al., (pp 841-856) in Cohn, L.H., *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Third Edition*, New York; McGraw-Hill, 2007.
- Brown, M.L., Pellikka, P.A., Schaff, H.V., Scott, C.G., Mullany, C.J., Sundt, T.M., Dearani, J.A., Daly, R.C., Orszulak, T.A., [The Benefits of Early Valve Replacement in Asymptomatic Patients with Severe Aortic Stenosis](#), *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, February 2008; 135: 308-315.

CORE CURRICULUM

Cardiac: Mitral Valve Disease

Talks

- [ACEI/ARB for MR: Is this Truly Appropriate?](#) – Blase Carabello, MD
- [Anatomy and Physiology of the Mitral Valve](#) – Charles F. Schwartz, MD

Readings

- [Multiple Valve Disease](#), by Schaff, H.V., Marsh, D.H. (see especially sections "Surgical Anatomy of the Mitral Valve" through "Resection of the Anterior Leaflet," pp 1013-1025), in Cohn, L.H., *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Third Edition*, New York; McGraw-Hill, 2007.

- [Mitral Valve Repair: Critical Analysis of the Anatomy Discussed](#), by Anderson, R.H. and Kanani, M., MMCTS (February 19, 2007); *European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery*.

Thoracic: Esophageal Motility

Talks

- [Surgery for Achalasia and Other Motor Disorders](#) – Stanely C. Fell, MD
- [Non-Thymoma Malignant Tumors of the Anterior Mediastinum](#) – Robert Korst, MD

Readings

- Esophageal Motility Disorders (Chapter 141, pp. 2146-2160) by Wright, C.D. in Shields, T.W., LoCicero, J., Ponn, R.B., (eds), *General Thoracic Surgery, Sixth Edition*, Philadelphia, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.

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 then 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 submission is April 14, 2008.
- 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.

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