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Thoracic Surgery Directors Association Weekly Curricula

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This is the TSDA Weekly Curricula E-Mail for the **week of October 22.**

PRE-REQUISITE READING

[Intraoperative Echocardiography](#), by Fox, J.A., Formanek, V., Friedrich, A., Shernan, S.K., in Cohn, L. H., Edmunds, L.H. Jr., eds. *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Second Edition*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2003:283314.

CORE CURRICULUM

Cardiac: Aortic Disease

Talk

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

Readings

- [Endovascular Stent Management of Thoracic Aneurysms and Dissections](#) (see especially Introduction through Natural History and Surgical Outcomes of Thoracic Aortic Disease sections), by Moffatt, S.D. and Mitchell, R.S., in Cohn, L.H.; Edmunds, L.H.; *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Second Edition*, New York: McGraw Hill, 2003.

Additional Readings

- [What is the Appropriate Size Criterion for Resection of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms?](#), by Coady, M.A., Rizzo, J.A., Hammond, G.L., Mandapati, D., Darr, U., Kopf, G.S., and Elefteriades, J.A., in *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, 1997;113:476-491.
- [Novel Measurement of Relative Aortic Size Predicts Rupture of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms](#), by Davis, R.R., Gallo, A., Coady, M.A., et al in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, Jan 2006;81-169-

77.

- [Natural History of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms: Indications for Surgery, and Surgical Versus Nonsurgical Risks](#), by Elefteriades, J.A.; *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, 2002;74:S1877-80.
- [Endovascular Stenting for Descending Aneurysms: Wave of the Future or the Emperor's New Clothes](#), by Elefteriades, J.A. and Percy, A.; *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* 2007;133:285-8.
- [Aortic Diameter greater than or equal to 5.5 cm is Not a Good Predictor of Type A Aortic Dissection: Observations from the International Registry of Acute Aortic Dissection \(IRAD\)](#), by Pape, L.A., Tsai, T.T., Isselbacher, E.M., et al; *Circulation*, Sept 2007: 116: 1120-1127. (This item requires a subscription to *Circulation* Online. See your reference librarian for access information.)

Thoracic: Interesting Case Conference

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

ADDITIONAL READINGS, RESOURCES & REFERENCES

- [Caseload Outcome Credentialing: Taking from the Have-Nots](#), Jones, J.W. and McCullough, L. B., in *The Journal of Vascular Surgery*, 2007;45:214-6. ([PDF](#))
- [View readings and references](#) from this and past TSDA Weekly Curricula E-mails.
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TSDA NEWS

Mark your calendars: The 2008 TSDA In-Training Exam is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2008. The "make-up" date is scheduled for Saturday, April 12. Residents are reminded that they can access their In-Training Exam scores as well as review remediation materials at <http://www.ctsnet.org/examreview/tsda/14>. Note that access to 2007 ITE scores will be suspended on January 2, 2008.

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