



# THORACIC SURGERY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

TSDA Boot Camp

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# Who We Are

- Organization of all cardiothoracic surgery residents in North America - residents are automatically members
- History: founded in 1997 as an extension of TSDA
- Purpose: serves to represent the interests and needs of cardiothoracic residents
- Structure:
  - Executive Committee (EC) serves as leadership for the TSRA
  - Four committees perform the bulk of the “work”: Projects, Education, Membership, and Communication Committees
  - EC positions are elected at the start of the academic year, residents are free to join any committee(s)

# What We Provide

- Resources
  - TSRA Review of Cardiothoracic Surgery
  - TSRA Pocket Mentor
  - TSRA Review Multiple Choice Question App
  - TSRA Clinical Scenarios
  - TSRA Operative Dictations
  - TSRA Podcasts
  - TSRA Intern Survival Guide
  - New this year: TSRA Algorithms, TSRA Literature Review
- Networking
  - Mentorship Program
  - Socials at AATS and STS

# What We Provide

- Research
  - Opportunities to submit proposals to conduct research using the nation-wide resident listserv on projects related to resident education and training
  - Has resulted in numerous publications in top-ranked journals over the years
  - Any TSRA member can submit a research proposal!
- Career Guidance
  - STS/AATS Resident Luncheons
  - Transitions to Practice Resources
- Awards
  - Annual Socrates and McGoan Awards for faculty
  - TSRA/STS Traveling Fellowship
  - Global Surgery Fellowship
- Collaborations with other Societies
  - TSRA members can apply for free “Fellow-in-Training” membership to the American College of Cardiology

# How To Get Involved

- Keep an eye out for monthly blast emails for the latest resources and opportunities for CT residents.
- Follow our Twitter [@TSRA\\_official](#).
- For general questions, feel free to contact us at [tsrasurgery@gmail.com](mailto:tsrasurgery@gmail.com).
- It's not too late to join a committee!
  - Projects: podcast project, algorithm book, literature review project
    - Contact Justin Watson, Projects Chair at [watsonju@ohsu.edu](mailto:watsonju@ohsu.edu)
  - Education: ITE survey research topics, Global Surgery Fellowship, organizing STS luncheon
    - Contact Heidi Reich, Education Chair at [heidi.reich@cshs.org](mailto:heidi.reich@cshs.org)
  - Membership: mentorship program, outreach to general surgery residents, organizing AATS and STS socials/networking opportunities
    - Contact Clauden Louis, Membership Chair at [clauden\\_louis@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:clauden_louis@urmc.rochester.edu)