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# What is the TSDA email curriculum project?

Weekly email

Optimal accessibility (no passwords)

Designed to start conversations

Analogous to 'Parkland Papers' (Bob McClelland)

More like a presentation at a meeting than a textbook

An evolving system



Who's using (or thinking of using) it?

Thoracic programs in U.S., Canada, Australia, India

Cardiac Anesthesiology fellowship programs

American Society of Transplant Surgeons

Congenital Cardiac Surgery programs

Physicians Assistant Programs in U.S.



Usage...

from survey taken at time of ITE...

Do you use the weekly curriculum at least 2x a week?

54% in 2009

61% in 2010



Usage...

from survey taken at time of ITE...

Do you agree or strongly agree that the curriculum is a useful support to your clinical training?

58% in 2009

65% in 2010



Usage...

suggestion from 'the front lines'

Subscribe via g-mail. It's imminently searchable...

Ashok Muralidaran



Examples of recent talks and readings

# Thoracic Topic: Tracheal Surgery

Talk:

*A Surgeon's View of the Trachea*, by Doug Mathisen, MD

Reading:

*Techniques of Reconstruction & Resection*, by Hermes Grillo, MD

*Pediatric Tracheal Surgery*, by Cam Wright, MD

# Cardiac topic: IMR

## Talks:

- 1) Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation , by Kent Harman, MD (new talk)
- 2) MV repair for IMR: Techniques and Results, by Toby Cosgrove, MD
- 3) Rx of IMR, by Craig Miller, MD

## Reading:

Pathophysiology of Mitral Disease, by Craig Miller, MD and Jim Fann, MD

Mitral Valve Repair, by Larry Cohn, MD



Critical Care Reading:

*AKI in the ICU, Critical Care Medicine, 1-2010*





## Recent Advances:

Hal Walters, MD: congenital talks are coming in

Dan Miller, MD: thoracic talks are assigned and arriving

Nevin Katz, MD, Glenn Whitman, MD: critical care reading suggestions

Robin Pierson, MD: transplant talks in preparation (ASTS)

Recently improved technical support.



Would you be willing to help?

Make a talk?

Narrate a talk?

Critique a talk?

Interview someone?

Find key articles?

Write a book review?

Ask speakers to help?



How do you make a talk  
(or provide commentary)?

Instructions on [www.tsda.org](http://www.tsda.org) (in Weekly Curriculum section)

Send us a PowerPoint and we'll find a narrator

Commentary could be just one slide



Some examples of recently received talks  
(or some in progress):

- I - Cardiac Tumors (McNeill)
- II - Transfusion Medicine (Thurer)
- III - VATS Thymectomy (Demmy)
- IV - IMA Takedown (Mokadam)



Long range view

Evolving as we go

Review process (Reddy, Thourani, Meldrum,  
Walker, Lee, Baker, etc.)

Plan: keep, comment, modify, or create



Even longer range view

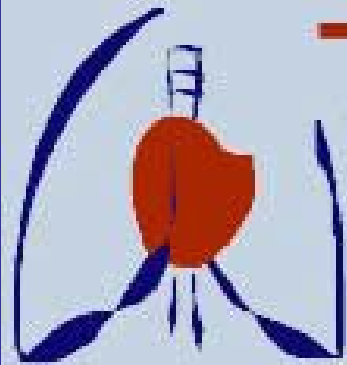
learning management systems  
(Verrier, Vaporciyan, Yang, Fann, etc.)



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