



This is the TSDA Weekly Curricula E-mail for the **week of January 28, 2008**.

Please note there will be no Weekly Curricula E-mail next week.

Watch for the next TSDA Curricula E-mail to arrive on February 7, 2008.

PRE-REQUISITE READING

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. Look for the Specialty Portals at the top of the left navigation bar.

- [Surgeon Performance and Operating Room Environment](#), CTSNet Survey Results; on *CTSNet Thoracic Specialty Portal*, CTSNet 2007.
- [Optimizing Treatment of COPD: An Assessment of Current Therapies](#), by Wise, R.A. and Tashkin, D.P., *The American Journal of Medicine*, 2007 Aug;120(8 Suppl 1):S4-13. Available in the "Lung-Benign Problems Section" of the 2007 Third Quarter Thoracic Literature Watch on CTSNet Thoracic Specialty Portal.

CORE CURRICULUM

Cardiac: Valve Disease

Talks

- [Surgical Options for Valvular Heart Disease](#) – Aubrey C. Galloway, MD

Reading

- Mitral Valve Disease (Chapter 32, PP 613-620), by Doty, J.R. and Timek, T., in Yuh, D.D., Vricella, L.A., Baumgartner, W., *Johns Hopkins Manual of Cardiothoracic Surgery*, New York, McGraw-Hill, 2007.

Additional Reading

- [Choice of Prosthetic Heart Valve in Today's Practice](#), Oakley, R.E., Kleine, P., Bach, D.S., *Circulation*, 2008;117;253-256.

Thoracic: Chest Wall Tumors

Talks

- [Chest Wall Tumors](#) – Henning A. Gaissert, MD

Readings

- Chest Wall Tumors (Chapter 46, pp 710-721), by Park, B.J. and Rusch, V.W., in Shields, T.W., LoCicero, J., Ponn, R.B. (eds), *General Thoracic Surgery, Sixth Edition*, Philadelphia, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- View [readings and references](#) from this and past Curricula e-mails.
- View the [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 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 or (312) 202-5835. The deadline to register is February 15.
- 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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