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PRE-REQUISITE READINGS

- [Thoracoscopic Lobectomy: Report on Safety, Discharge Independence, Pain, and Chemotherapy Tolerance](#), by Nicastrì, D.G., Wisnivesky, J.P., Little, V.R., et al, *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, March 2008; 135: 642-647.
- [Envisioning Simulation in the Future of Thoracic Surgical Education](#), by Carpenter, A.J., et al, in *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, March 2008; 135: 477-484.
- (In the same issue, also see the related Expert Commentary by Richard H. Feins, MD, pp 485-486.)

CORE CURRICULUM

Cardiac: Mitral Valve Disease

Talks

- [Indications for Mitral Valve Surgery in the Asymptomatic Patient: Do These Differ in the Presence vs. the Absence of Flail Leaflet?](#) – Maurice Enriquez Sarano, MD
- [Ventricular Arrhythmias in Severe, Non-Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation](#) – Clare A. Hochreiter, MD

Reading

- [Mitral Valve Repair](#) (Chapter 42, pp 1020-1027; see especially sections “Specific Surgical Techniques” through “Summary”), in Cohn, L.H., *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Third Edition*, New York; McGraw-Hill, 2007.

Additional Reading

- [Late Outcomes for Mitral Valve Repair of Floppy Valves: Implications for Asymptomatic Patients](#), by David, T.E., Ivanov, J., Armstrong, S., and Rakowski, H., in *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, 2003;125:1143-1152.

Thoracic: Esophageal Surgery

Talks

- [Jejunal Interposition](#) – Henning A. Gaissert, MD
- [Long-Term Survival and Quality of Life After Esophagogastrectomy for High-Grade Dysplasia](#) – Claude Deschamps, MD

Reading

- Barrett's Esophagus (Chapter 147, pp 2221-2232), by Paulson, T.G., et al, in Shields T.W., LoCicero, J., Ponn, R.B., (eds), *General Thoracic Surgery, Sixth Edition*, Philadelphia, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.

Additional Reading

- [Photodynamic Therapy \(PDT\) in Barrett's Esophagus with Dysplasia or Early Cancer](#), by Foroulis, C.N. and Thorpe, J.A.C., in *European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery*, 2006;29:30-34.

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 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.**
- 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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