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PRE-REQUISITE READING

- [Accuracy of the Aristotle Basic Complexity Score for Classifying the Morbidity and Mortality Potential of Congenital Heart Surgery Operations](#), O'Brien, S., et al, *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, 2007, 84: 2027-2037.

CORE CURRICULUM

Cardiac: Pacers and Defibrillators

Talk

- [Pacers and Defibrillators](#) – Henry M. Spotnitz, MD

Reading

- Pacemaker and Defibrillator Therapy in Cardiac Surgery Patients, Chapter 39, pp 711-788, Bilchick, K.C., Berger, P., *Johns Hopkins Manual of Cardiothoracic Surgery*, New York, McGraw-Hill, 2007.

Additional

- [Surgical Implantation of Pacemakers and Automatic Defibrillators](#), see sections Anatomy of Surgical Heart Block through Additional Issues, Chapter 60, pp 1395-1424, in Cohn., L.H., *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, Third Edition*, New York, McGraw-Hill, 2008.

Thoracic: Interesting Case Conference

- Use this time for an interesting case conference or to review the [CTSNet Thoracic Literature Watch for the Fourth Quarter 2007](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- A [Webcast](#) of the STS 44th Annual Meeting, held January 28-30, 2008 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, is now available at www.sts.org.
- View [readings and references](#) from this and past Curricula E-mails.
- View TSDA Weekly Curricula [E-mail Archive](#).
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TSDA NEWS

- The full [88-week core curriculum](#) has now been posted on the TSDA Web site. The curriculum is currently in May of year one. Year two of the two-year schedule will begin in July 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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