TSDA MEETING

ABTS Update

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Friendly Reminders

Periodic monitoring of Resident Index Cases

- If deficient, candidate will be required to fill the gaps before entering the exam process
  - Can be referred to the Board’s Credentials Committee
  - Can be reported to the RRC

- Counsel the marginal Resident
  - Document your conversations
The Marginal Resident

• Counsel and Document

• If you feel additional training is required:
  - Notify the Board and RRC
  - Will need to write a letter outlining the remedial plan
  - Upon completion of the additional training, need a letter of support from the ABTS certified surgeon (proctor) to enter the exam process

• The Resident needs to be capable of independent practice in Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery

• If you have questions, please email me.
Our goal should be that every Resident becomes certified.

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