

TSDA Virtual General Session
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Chat Transcript

00:47:50 Jennifer Romano: To clarify, there is no specific pathway for international candidates to obtain the ABTS congenital certificate. There is a pathway for select international candidates who achieve specific criteria to apply for Thoracic Board Certification.

01:20:10 Beth Winer (TSDA): Attendees, use the Chat function to submit your questions and comments about the Self-Study & Site Visit topic.

01:33:29 David Cooke, MD: Feel free to type in your questions into the Chat box. Thank you!

01:34:09 Varun Puri: Dr. Raff, Did you pool resources with other programs at your institution for creating the Canvas website? Do you have some specific suggestions for developing this resource? Thank you

01:34:42 Gary Raff, MD: I wish I could have, I did it from scratch over a year.

01:37:09 Pierre de Delva: What is the best way to deal with areas of concern in our yearly review to avoid site visits? How do we best respond to the RRC? Immediate vs waiting for annual update? Any advice of what process we should use to demonstrate that we heard the issues brought up and have started a corrective process.

01:42:37 David Cooke, MD: We encourage you to ask your questions. Incredible insight on this panel. Please type into the Chat box.

01:45:24 Shawnda Gillespie: I would love to see this questionnaire.

01:45:49 Shawnda Gillespie: Would be very helpful.

01:45:55 Shawnda Gillespie: Thank you

01:50:13 Shawnda Gillespie: Yes, thank you all!

01:58:34 David Cooke, MD: Please feel free to type in your questions to our ABTS representatives into the Chat Box.

02:13:52 Eddie Manning: Thanks to everyone for preparing this event. It's been very informative. I do have a question regarding the new cardiac pathway. If the training for the new pathway is strictly cardiac, how will the thoracic case requirements change and how can we expect the fellows to perform equally on the thoracic portions of both part I and II of the certification process?

02:16:50 Ravindranath Karanam: If majority of cardiothoracic surgeons practice both thoracic and cardiac, exam is same, why all these tracks. Does it make sense for the individual to get additional training after completing a basic cardiothoracic training?

02:20:51 Allan Pickens: With 3 tracks, will residents be allowed to change tracks during training?

02:25:01 Andrew Chang, MD: at the ABTS level, these still are "pathways" correct?

02:28:14 Eddie Manning: To follow up on Dr. Cooke's previous question - will there be some discretion to increase the program complement by the ACGME to allow fellows who switch pathways to accumulate an adequate case volume to qualify for the newly assumed pathway?

02:28:39 David Cooke, MD: <https://tsda.org/resources/virtual-interviews/>

02:29:25 Stephen Yang, MD: @Dr. Manning - no for now to increase the complement.

02:30:58 Shawnda Gillespie: 🙏

02:31:22 Shawnda Gillespie: Thank you!

02:31:29 Andrew Chang, MD: Thank you Beth!!

02:31:41 Stephen Yang, MD: Thanks Beth and Staff!!!