

The Thoracic Education Cooperative Group (TECoG) is comprised of the following members:

Chair: Ikenna Okereke, M.D.

Vice Chair: Kirsten Freeman, M.D.

Secretary/Treasurer: Brian, Mitzman, M.D.

TECoG has held bi-monthly meetings over the last year. Several projects have been discussed in our meetings with nationwide participants.

TECoG has also worked with the Thoracic Surgery Residents Association (TSRA). TECoG now mentors selected projects performed by TSRA. Our collaboration begins at the planning phase when possible.

TECoG has been involved in multiple peer-reviewed publications listed below:

Taylor M, Wallen T, Mehaffey J, Shirafkan A, Brescia A, Freeman K, Louis C, Watson J, **Okereke IC**. Interviews During the Pandemic: A Thoracic Education Cooperative Group and Surgery Residents Project. *Ann Thor Surg* 2021

Taylor M, Freeman K, Mehaffey JH, Wallen T, **Okereke IC**. Applicant Perception of Virtual Interviews in Cardiothoracic Surgery: A Thoracic Education Cooperative Group Study. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 2021