

Thoracic Education Cooperative Group (TECoG)

Society of Thoracic Surgeons Annual Meeting

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- Organized by the TSDA on the premise that significant advances in Thoracic surgical education would be made by a cooperative approach to the design and conduct of studies on trainees through multi-institutional research

Leadership Team

- Chair: Kirsten Freeman – University of Florida
- Vice Chair: Mara Antonoff – University of Texas MD Anderson
- Secretary: Amit Bhargava – University of Minnesota
- TSRA Liaison: Castigliano Bhamidipati – Oregon Health Science Univ



Current Activities



Reviewing applications for access to the TSDA contact list



Collaborating with the TSRA to fine tune their surveys



Investigating the new I6 application process

New Additions to I6 Application Process

Universal Offer Date

- Voluntary participation from programs
- Process where applicants receive offers for interviews from participating institutions on the same day

Applicant Signaling

- Process where applicants signal an institution that they are interested in interviewing at their program
- Applicants have three signals
- No signal sent to home program

Upcoming Surveys



TECoG Survey

I6 Application Process



TSRA Survey

After the TSDA In-Training Exam (ITE)

Coaching