

Thoracic Education Cooperative Group (TECoG)

Annual Report

- **Reviewing applications for access to the TSDA Contact List**
 - Recent approved surveys
 - Simulation Survey (Kilic, et al):
 - To determine the current simulation experiences, gather perspectives on incorporating simulation experiences into the training paradigm, and propose standardized simulation experiences
 - Mentorship Survey (Lawton, et al):
 - Determine the role of mentorship in early career choice in CT surgery
 - Thoracic Practice Survey (Starnes, et al):
 - Obtain information about current practice of thoracic surgeons
- **Collaborating with the TSRA**
 - Professional Coaching Survey after 2024 TSITE
 - Goal: Determine the experience and needs relating to professional coaching as a cardiothoracic surgery trainee
 - 2025 STS Poster Session
 - Financial Literacy Survey for the 2025 TSITE
- **Investigating I6 Application Process**
 - I6 Applicant Survey to go out after the 2025 Match
 - PD Survey to go out after the 2025 Match
- **Collaborating with thoracic surgeon educators across the nation**
 - Quarterly meetings with education-related studies presented by a resident or medical student, followed by group discussion and recommendations for further studies
 - Recent study within TECoG Membership
 - Surgical Training Survey (Hooda, Antonoff, et al) – AATS Poster
 - Characterize the landscape of training left-handed surgeons
 - Goal to improve our understanding of the potential barriers and challenges associated with training left-handed fellows and residents