



Thank you for letting us present the STS Education update at the TSDA meeting held at STS 2025 in Los Angeles! We now have FOUR major updates to STS Education resources available. Check them out below and help spread the word to your programs!

[CORA: Cardiothoracic Surgery Resource Assistant](#)

- STS's NEW generative AI tool analyzes, gleans insights, and integrates content located across a range of STS educational platforms:
 - o *STS Cardiothoracic Surgery E-Book*
 - o STS Learning Center, including the Thoracic Surgical Curriculum
 - o *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*
 - o STS clinical practice documents
 - o YouTube 8 in 8s and recorded webinars

[Being a Doctor: Core Competencies](#)

- 12 topics added based on the Milestones provided by ACGME.
- The Milestones provide a framework for assessing resident development in the knowledge, skills, attitudes and other elements of physician competency throughout their educational program.
- Curation led by STS Taskforce Chairs: Paul Schipper and Sharon Ben-Or

[Updated and New Benchmark Quizzes Added](#)

- 600 new questions were added for a total of over 1100!
- 3 brand new quizzes (Cardiothoracic Trauma, Complications of Esophagectomy, Disorders of the Diaphragm) for a total of 33!
- All 33 benchmark quizzes can be used to study for the upcoming [TSDA ITE!](#)
 - o There are practice and scored versions of all exams available.

[The Advanced Congenital Track](#)

- 40 topics added with more depth and breadth than the current Congenital Track.
- Direct links to STS Cardiothoracic Surgery E-Book and prominent journals.
- Resources divided into Key Content and Supplemental Material.
- Curation led by top congenital surgeons: Ram Subramanyan and Lester Permut.

[Patient Communication Toolkit](#)

· Knowing the most successful way to communicate with your patients can be challenging at times. This new communication toolkit provides cardiothoracic surgeons with a series of talks and scenarios to promote shared-decision making practices with patients in a variety of different circumstances, such as End-of-Life Discussions, LGBTQ+ Care, Cross-Racial Care, Implicit Bias in Medical Care, and Patient-Centered Disabilities. Free to residents!

Thank you for helping to share this important update with your programs!

Please reach out to education@sts.org with any questions.

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