President’s Invitation

Dear Colleague,

As President of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association, it is my great pleasure to extend this invitation to you to attend the STSA 54th Annual Meeting, November 7-10, 2007, in Bonita Springs, Florida. Many will remember the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point as the site of our 50th anniversary celebration. The tropical gardens, warm breezes and sparkling gulf coast waters will provide a breathtaking background for another stimulating, fun-filled meeting.

Please take a few minutes to go over this Advance Program, which highlights the presentations by accepted abstract authors and special lectures. The program committee was conscientious in considering comments and suggestions from last year’s attendees, and has created a robust program that provides a balance between education, opportunity for thoughtful discussion and time to renew friendships and experience camaraderie—all of which make the Southern special.

In addition to the scientific sessions, I encourage you to come and enjoy the many activities offered at the resort. Be sure to register in advance for the always popular golf, tennis and fishing tournaments. Please also share the enclosed activity sheet with your spouse or guest so he/she can register for the many great structured events being offered this year. Finally, conclude your experience at the Annual Meeting with the annual black tie dinner and dance, which is always an unforgettable evening.

As you are registering for the STSA 54th Annual Meeting, keep in mind, I am going to enforce a new rule this year. No ties allowed in the scientific sessions! Staff with scissors will be standing at the entrances and instructed to use them freely.

I look forward to a successful 54th Annual Meeting and spending time with you and our colleagues as we enjoy the fellowship and education of the STSA. See you in Bonita Springs!

Sincerely,

Carolyn E. Reed, M.D.

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STSA President

This symbol indicates a new event or a change in programming from recent years.
**SURGICAL MOTION PICTURES**

**Educational Objective:** To provide a visual instruction from recognized authorities on how to perform new or important procedures in the field of cardiothoracic surgery. Authors are present at the meeting and discussion time is allocated for questions from the audience.

**STSA POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

The first portion of the Postgraduate Program will feature concurrent sessions in adult cardiac, congenital heart surgery, and general thoracic. The Program will continue with a plenary session at 8:30 a.m.

**7:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

**STSA POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM**

**Educational Objective:** To provide new or important information from recognized authorities about the current practice of cardiothoracic surgery.

**CME Credits Available:** 4.75

**Adult Cardiac**

**Moderator:** *John Puskas, MD*

**7:00 a.m. - 7:25 a.m.**

A Fib

*Ralph Damiano, MD*

**7:25 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.**

Aortic Valve Replacement Recommendation for 2007

*Edward Chen, MD*

**7:50 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.**

TMR Laser

Keith Allen, M D

**Congenital**

**Moderator:** *Jeffrey Jacobs, MD*

**7:00 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.**

Norwood Stage 1 - W hat I think is important

*Thomas Spray, MD*

**7:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.**

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*Edward Bove, MD*

**7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.**

Norwood Stage 1 - W hat I think is important

*James Tweddell, MD*

**7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

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*Ross Ungerleider, MD*

**10:25 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

Cardiothoracic Surgical Outcomes Should be Published in the Lay Press

**Pro:** *Jeffrey Jacobs MD
Con: *Robert Cerfolio, MD

**11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

Reshaping/Retooling your Practice/Self

*Irving Kron, MD
Con: *J. Michael Dimai, MD

**11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Break

**12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Exhibits Open

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

First Scientific Session A

**Moderators:** *Carolyn E. Reed, MD, and Robert Cerfolio, MD
**Educational Objectives:** To provide new or important information from recognized authorities about the current practice of cardiothoracic surgery.

**CME Credits Available:** 2

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1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Widening Racial Disparity In Surgical Treatment Of Localized, Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
Nestor Esnaola, Mulugeta Gebregziabher, Kelly Knott, Chris Finney, Gerard Silvestri, *Carolyn Reed, Marvela Ford
Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; South Carolina Office of Research and Statistics, Columbia, SC

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
National Practice Patterns For Management Of Adult Congenital Heart Disease: Operation By Congenital Surgeons Decreases In-Hospital Mortality
Tara Karamlou, Brian Digs, Thomas Person, *Ross Ungerleider, *Karl W elke
Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Differences In Outcomes Between Younger And Older Patients With Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
Ayeshas Bryant, *Robert J. Cerfolio
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Gender Differences In Mortality After Mitral Valve Surgery: Evidence For Higher Mortality In Perimenopausal Women
Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR; Duke University, Durham, NC, University of Florida, Jacksonville, FL

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Mitral Valve Repair Is Superior To Replacement In Elderly Patients
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Impact Of Preoperative Neurologic Events On Postoperative Neurologic Events And Mortality: Comparison Of Off- Versus On-Pump Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
A Non-Divided Intercostal Muscle Flap Further Reduces The Pain Of Thoracotomy: A Prospective Randomized Trial
Robert J. Cerfolio, Ayeshas Bryant, Lee Manicalsco
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Midterm Outcomes Of Reoperation For Mitral Regurgitation Following Repair Of Atrioventricular Septal Defects
Sunit P. Malhotra, Francois Lacour-Gayet, Max B. Mitchell, David R. Clarke, Marshall Dines, David N. Campbell
The Childrens Hospital Denver, Denver, CO

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Break - Visit Exhibits

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
First Scientific Session B
Moderators: *Carolyn E. Reed, MD, and *Robert Cerfolio, MD
Educational Objective: To provide new or important information from recognized authorities about the current practice of cardiothoracic surgery.
CME Credits Available: 1.5

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Robotic Lobectomy For Early Stage Lung Cancer
Farid Gharogzloo, *Marc Margolis, Barbara Tempesta
George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Surgical Resection Is Justified In Non Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients With Node Negative T4 Satellite Lesions
Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tricuspid Valve Insufficiency In Patients With Congestive Heart Failure Undergoing Cardiac Surgery: Repaired Vs. Not Repaired
St Louis University School of Medicine Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, St. Louis, MO

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Tricuspid Valve Replacement: The Role Of Biologic Versus Mechanical Prostheses
Washington University, Saint Louis, MO

4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Diffusing Capacity Predicts Postoperative Mortality After Major Lung Resection In Patients Without Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
Mark K. Ferguson, Wickil Vigneswaran
The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2007

6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Exhibits Open

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Basic Science Forum
Moderators: *Ross Ungerleider, MD, and Peter Smith, MD
Educational Objectives: To provide new and clinically important research information from well-conceived and conducted investigations in the practice of cardiothoracic surgery.
CME Credits Available: 1

K + ATP Channel Opener Diazoxide Eliminates Significant Human Myocyte Swelling Secondary To Hyperkalemic Cardiomyopathy
*Jennifer S. Lawton, Sara K. Maffit, Angela D. Sellitto, Ashraf S. Al-Dadah, Richard B. Schuessler, *Ralph J. Damiano
Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO

Selective Interruption Of The Endothelin Subtype-A Receptor In Patients Early Following Cardiopulmonary Bypass Attenuates Tumor Necrosis Factor Release And Receptor Activation
Francis G. Spinale, Rachael L. Ford, Ebony J. Hilton, Scott T. Reeves, Robert E. Stroud, Fred A. Crawford, Jr., *John S. Ikonomidis
Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Prognostic Value Of Laser Scanning Cytometer Expressions Of Tumor Markers Panel In Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)
The Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA; The Laboratory of Cancer Cell Biology and Genetics Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA

Results Of Intramyocardial Angiogenic Cell Precursors Injection In Ischemic Cardiomyopathy With Mitral Regurgitation
*Khitpan V. Arom, Permyos Ruengsakulrach, Vibut Jotisakulratana
Bangkok Heart Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand

Areas Of Lipid-Laden Intima Predispose Radial Artery Grafts To Post-Operative Spasm
Nicholas Burrus, Emile Brown, Zachary Kon, Richard Tran, *Robert S. Poston
University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
2:00 p.m. - 2:12 p.m.
Carcinoplasty Airway Closure: A Technique For Right Pneumonectomy
*Kenneth A. Kessler, Zane T. Hammoud, Karen M. Riegel, Laura E. Kruter, Menggang Yu, John W. Brown
Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

2:12 p.m. - 2:24 p.m.
Subcutaneous Emphysema After Pulmonary Resection
*Robert J. Cerveroli, Ayasha S. Bryant, Lee Maicalso
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

2:24 p.m. - 2:36 p.m.
Radiofrequency Ablation Of Barrett's Esophagus: Short Term Results Of The BarX Halo System
Emory University School Of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

2:36 p.m. - 2:48 p.m.
Radiofrequency Ablation For The Treatment Of Pulmonary Metastases
*Arjun Pennathur, Ghulam Abbas, Yun W ang, Rodney J. Landreneau, James D. Luketich
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

2:48 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Open Discussion

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Break - Visit Exhibits

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Third Scientific Session B
Moderators: *John Kern, MD, and *Marc Moon, MD

Educational Objective: To provide new or important information from recognized authorities about the current practice of thoracic surgery.
CME Credits Available: 1

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Restoration Of Sinus Rhythm By The Maze Procedure Prevents The Progression Of Tricuspid Valve Regurgitation In Patients Undergoing Mitral Valve Surgery
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN

4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Spontaneous Conversion To Sinus Rhythm During Beating Heart Extracardiac Maze Procedure Predicts Long-Term Outcomes
Pinehurst Surgical, Pinehurst, NC; Klinikum der Johann W olfgang Goethe Universitat, Frankfurt, Germany; Jagiellonian University Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Transplantology, Krakow, Poland

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Time Course Of Stroke Following Cardiopulmonary Bypass Determines Mortality
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Real World Thoracic Endografting: Results With The Gore Tag Endoprosthesis 2 Years Following Food And Drug Administration Approval
*Chad G. Hughes, Madhav Swaminathan, Jeffrey J. Ni enaber, Errol L. Bush, Mani A. Daneshmand, *W alter G. W olfe, Richard L. McCann
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
STSA Annual Business Meeting (Members Only)
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
President's Mixer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2007

6:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Exhibits Open

Note: This year the Ethics Session and Coding Workshop will be presented Saturday morning.

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Ethics Session
Title: Should Smoking Tobacco Products in Public Places Be Legally Banned?

Educational Objective: To provide an ethical viewpoint in the area of case selection related to factors surgeons encounter on a daily basis.
CME Credits Available: 1
Moderator: *Robert Sade, MD
Pro: Carolyn Dresler, MD
Con: Mark Cherry, Ph.D

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Coding Workshop: Update on CPT and Physician Payment Issues for 2008
Moderator: *Peter Smith, MD

Educational Objective: To help attendees understand typical and challenging issues in coding and reimbursement of cardiothoracic surgery procedures.
CME Credits Available: 1

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Fourth Scientific Session A

Moderators: *John Ikonomidis, MD, and *Bryan Meyers, MD

Educational Objective: To provide new or important information from recognized authorities about the current practice of thoracic surgery.
CME Credits Available: 1.25

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Endoluminal Pulmonary Artery Banding: Technique Applications And Results
Chaim Locker, Joseph A. Dearani, Patrick W . O 'Leary, Francisco J. Puga
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
The Right Ventricle To Pulmonary Artery Shunt: Novel Palliation In Infants With Inadequate Pulmonary Blood Flow Prior To Two-Ventricle Repair
Can C. Erdem, Tain-Yen Hsia, Andrew M. Atz, *Scott M. Bradley
Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Fewer Bypass Grafts Performed In Off-Pump Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery Patients: Patient Selection Or Incomplete Revascularization?
Medical City Dallas, Dallas, Texas; Cardiopulmonary Research Science and Technology Institute, Dallas, TX

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
T1 Esophageal Cancer: An Analysis Of Outcomes Of Esophagectomy In 100 Consecutive Patients And Implications In An Era Of Emerging Endoscopic Therapies
*Arjun Pennathur, Miguel Alvelo - Rivera, Andrew Farkas, Peter Ferson, William E. Gooding, Rodney J. Landreneau, James D. Luketich
University Of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Aortic Root Replacement Using Stentless Porcine Bioprostheses: Early And Midterm Results In 125 Patients
*Joseph S. Coselli, Catherine K. Cheung, Susan Y. Green, *Xing Li Wang, *Scott A. LaMaire
Baylor College of Medicine and The Texas Heart Institute, Houston, TX

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Break - Visit Exhibits

10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Fourth Scientific Session B

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CME Credits Available: 1.25

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
An Alternative Treatment Of Shortened Esophageal Associated With A Large Hiatal Hernia By Diaphragmatic Reconstruction
*Marc Margolis, *Farid Gharagozloo, Barbara Tempesta, Frederick Lough, Farzad N ajam
George W ashington University M edical Center, Washington, DC

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
The Impact Of Surgical Ventricular Restoration On Mitral Valve Regurgitation
Ron Pruzz, Eric W eiss, Nishant Patel, Lois N wakama, *John Conte
Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

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ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

**Spouse's Hospitality Suite**
Thursday, November 8 – Saturday, November 10
*Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon*

STSA is providing a hospitality room for your spouse to mingle with other spouses and to make plans for exploring Bonita Springs and the surrounding areas.

**Shelling Eco-Tour**
Thursday, November 8
*Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.*
*Cost: $25.00 per person Limit: 30 persons Registration by October 11 required.*

Enjoy an informative two-hour eco-sightseeing, shelling excursion. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the abundance of wildlife in one of southwest Florida’s most pristine estuary bays aboard the Raptor Runner, a pontoon boat. The tour will stop at Lover’s Key State Park where you will comb the beach for a variety of Florida shell life; a naturalist will then discuss their origin and answer questions. The tour will leave and return from the Hyatt dock.

*Subject to cancellation if there is a lack of interest. Registrants will be notified in advance and refunds will be issued if this event is cancelled.

**Spouses 3rd Street, Naples Shopping & Lunch**
Thursday, November 8
*Time: 11:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.*
*Cost: $75.00 per person Registration by October 11 required.*

Transportation will be provided to Campiello’s, a restaurant in the historic Mercantile Building, for a delicious lunch in a charming setting. After lunch, enjoy shopping in the unique historic downtown Naples area.

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**Spouse’s Postgraduate Program—How to Communicate With Left and Right Brain People, Jody Potts, PhD**
Friday, November 9
*Time: 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.*
*Cost: $25.00 per person*

If you want to get your message across—to physicians, associates, friends, and family—you must put it in the language of the receiver. Left- and right-brain dominant people perceive things differently and thus speak different languages. In this session you will learn to speak the language of logical, analytical left-brain people and creative, intuitive right-brain people, making every relationship harmonious and productive.

Dr. Jody Potts is an adjunct professor in Southern Methodist University’s Master of Liberal Studies program, where she teaches graduate courses in U.S. history. A specialist in left- and right-brain learning techniques, she also teaches a graduate course she developed, The Lively Mind: Creative and Critical Thinking Using Both Sides of the Brain. In 1994 Dr. Potts founded Lively Mind Seminars, a national consulting firm offering left and right brain learning seminars on the four phases of thinking: perception, memory, imagination, and judgment.

**President’s Mixer**
Saturday, November 9
*Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*
*Cost: Complimentary*

Gather with fellow meeting attendees for an evening of networking and fun. Attendees receive 2 tickets with registration. Additional tickets may be purchased for $15.

**Estero Bay Fishing Tournament**
Saturday, November 10
*Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*
*Limit: 35 persons (Sell out expected — be sure to register in advance!)*
*Cost: $150.00 per person (Includes lunch, beverages, fishing license, bait, and tackle.)*

This year promises to be a great fishing experience. You will enjoy the flats of Estero Bay backwater fishing. Anglers, don’t miss the opportunity to catch many of the following: ladyfish, sea trout, redfish, snook, tarpon, catfish and many more at the Annual STSA Fishing Tournament. The trip will be smooth and the lines tight. Sign up early.

**Tennis Tournament**
Saturday, November 10
*Time: 1:00 p.m.*
*Cost: $35.00 per person (Includes court fees, tennis balls, and refreshments.)*
*Registration by October 11 required.*

Join fellow attendees for a day of tennis. The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Point offers guests top-notch courts and amenities.

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**Annual Black Tie Dinner/Dance**
Saturday, November 10
*Reception: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*
*Dinner: 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.*
*Cost: $95.00 per person*

Advanced registration recommended. A limited number of tickets will be sold on site.

End your STSA 54th Annual Meeting experience in style. The annual formal black tie dinner dance is the event that attendees remember long after the conference has concluded. This evening of dining, dancing, and networking with colleagues is sure to be an unforgettable time.

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**Tennis & Golf Tournaments**

**Naples Shopping & Lunch**
Thursday, November 8
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**Program Adjoining**

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CME OVERVIEW

DISCUSSION OF PAPERS

Discussions of papers at the Annual Meeting are submitted for publication in The Annals of Thoracic Surgery. Please review the program outline carefully to determine if you have a particular interest in some of the topics, then be prepared to discuss them at the meeting. If you wish, you may request a copy of the manuscript in advance of the meeting by contacting the author directly. Each session has a limited amount of time reserved for discussion. Assigned discussants are limited to two minutes and two questions.

PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATION

Authors of oral presentations are required to submit a manuscript for consideration for publication in The Annals of Thoracic Surgery before noon on Saturday, November 10, 2007. The manuscript must be submitted via The Annals online manuscript submission system at www.atseditorialoffice.org. A paper copy of your manuscript will not be accepted for consideration. Primary authors and co-authors who are delinquent in submitting their manuscript to The Annals will not have their presentations considered for publication in The Annals. In addition, these authors will not have abstracts considered by the Program Committee of the STSA for two (2) subsequent meetings.

ACCREDITATION

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The STSA designates this activity for a maximum of 21 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually devoted to the activity.

EVALUATION

Attendees are encouraged to provide feedback to STSA by filling out the post-session CME evaluations. These evaluations are used to program future CME opportunities, as well as provide the STSA leadership with a mechanism to improve future meetings.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOTEL REGISTRATION

The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point is the site of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association’s 54th Annual Meeting. The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point is a full-service resort, located in Bonita Springs, Florida.

A discounted block of rooms will be held until October 11, 2007, after which reservations are taken on a space-available basis. There are two ways to make reservations:

Telephone: You can call for reservations at 239.444.1234 or 800.233.1234. To qualify for the special meeting rate be sure to mention the group code: KSOT, and that you are part of the STSA meeting.

Online: Visit the STSA web site at www.stsa.org for details and the necessary link. To qualify for the special meeting rate online, use the following group code: KSOT.

ROOM RATES AND CANCELLATION INFORMATION

One night’s deposit is required for each reservation. The deposit is refundable if individual accommodations are cancelled through the reservations department (48) hours before arrival by 4:00 p.m. or two days prior to arrival during the business week of Monday – Friday.

The rate for a single/double room is $241/night plus 11% tax and a $10 per night resort fee.

The rate for a Regency Club single/double room is $321/night plus 11% tax and a $10 per night resort fee.

SUITES

A limited number of suites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 800.233.1234 for rates and availability. Mention the group code: KSOT.

Check in time is 4:00 p.m.; check out is 11:00 a.m.

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