



# STSA ANNUAL MEETING

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## STSA 70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING CME INFORMATION AND RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE INDEX

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*Amended by the STS Executive Committee: June 9, 2021*

## **OVERALL MEETING OBJECTIVES**

To present recent advances in research, surgical techniques, patient management, and the diagnosis and treatment of cardiothoracic disease to cardiothoracic specialists and related health care professionals; and to provide a forum for cardiothoracic surgeons and related healthcare professionals to exchange ideas through open discussion periods and question-and-answer sessions related to the practice of cardiothoracic surgery.

After attending the STSA Annual Meeting, participants should have a broader understanding of new and standard techniques and current research specifically related to adult cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, congenital heart surgery, and related transplant procedures. Attendees can utilize knowledge gained from the STSA Annual Meeting to help select appropriate surgical procedures and interventions and integrate state of the art knowledge into their own practices.

## **ACCREDITATION & CREDIT DESIGNATION STATEMENTS**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons and The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association. The Society of Thoracic Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The STS designates this live activity for a maximum of 16.50 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## **STSA CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) MISSION STATEMENT**

The continuing medical education mission of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is to design and deliver high-quality, practical, innovative, and scientifically rigorous educational programming at its Annual Meeting in the areas of cardiovascular, thoracic, and congenital heart surgery, as well as ethics and professionalism, leadership, and practice management.

Such educational programming is meant to advance the overall competence of cardiovascular, thoracic, and congenital heart surgeons, and ultimately to help them improve their patient outcomes and promote patient safety.

Continuing medical education activities are presented in a variety of formats at an STSA Annual Meeting; these include [but are not limited to] presentations of peer-reviewed scientific abstracts, updates on relevant scientific research, didactic presentations, debates, video presentations, and sub-specialty-specific breakout sessions. All educational sessions include the opportunity for questions, answers, and discussion to further support the educational needs of the meeting attendees and the program learning objectives.

STSA educational activities are developed and provided with the intent of confirming an existing knowledge base, imparting new knowledge, enhancing competence in the content areas covered, and addressing identified professional practice gaps. The expected results include participants' reporting greater confidence in their clinical care skills and a willingness to change their behavior or adapt new strategies as appropriate.

## **ELECTRONIC CME EVALUATION**

The STSA 70th Annual Meeting evaluation and CME credit claim process is electronic. Registrants who wish to receive CME credit for sessions they attend will be required to complete the electronic evaluation for the session and the overall meeting evaluation. This is the only way physicians can earn CME credit for their attendance. Using the electronic

evaluation system, registrants can complete the meeting evaluation, claim CME credit, and print CME certificates. Certificates of Attendance are also available for non-physician attendees.

The electronic evaluation provides attendees the opportunity to offer feedback to the STSA Council and Program Committee regarding content offered, including information about applicability of the content to current practice, quality of the material presented, and recommendations for future programming. This information is invaluable in the planning of future STSA educational programs.

In addition to being useful for program planning, program evaluation and future needs assessment are important components of the requirements that the STS must meet to maintain accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). It is by meeting the requirements set forth by the ACCME that the STS is able to award CME credit for educational programming.

The electronic evaluation can be completed by meeting registrants on the STSA mobile application or onsite at the computer kiosk located in the **lobby near the registration desk**.

Attendees can also access evaluations by visiting the online evaluation website through personal computers or handheld devices at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/stsa>. In order to make this process more convenient for attendees, the meeting evaluations will be available online through Friday, February 2, 2024.

This process will allow the STS and the STSA to maintain an electronic record of CME earned by physicians. Files will be maintained for a minimum of six years. Any questions regarding this process should be directed to STSA Headquarters at (312) 202-5892 or via e-mail at [stsa@stsa.org](mailto:stsa@stsa.org).

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