



THORACIC SURGERY  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## TSRA newsletter

November 2022



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We are excited to innovate how we share essential resources. [Share this sign-up link](#) with anyone else who may be interested in our newsletter!

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### Opportunities

- Think your mentor deserves a **teaching award**? Nominate them for the [Socrates Award](#) and the [McGoon Award](#). Please send nominations, including letters of support to [Jason Han](#). **Deadline: EXTENDED to Sunday, 12/11/2022**
- **The TSRA also has two travel award opportunities for trainees:**
  - **1) Global Outreach Fellowship** (up to \$5,000 to support global health work with a STS host)
  - **2) Traveling Fellowship** (one-week traveling observership to a host institution within North America).
  - **Please send application to [Jason Han](#). Deadline: EXTENDED to Sunday, 12/11/2022**
- Sign up to record a scripted **Clinical Scenarios podcast** with an attending to help TSRA members prep for oral boards! Email [Anna Olds](#) for details. P.S. You won't be

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- The [AATS Leadership Academy](#) is taking place on Friday, May 5, 2023. Read about the [eligibility requirements](#) here, and **apply by January 3, 2023**
- Apply to participate in the [AATS Member for a Day program](#). Chosen awardees will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive session with AATS leaders and be provided access to cardiothoracic surgical mentors. Applications are due **January 31, 2023**.
- **Join us at the STS Residents Symposium and STS Residents Luncheon:** Listen to focused talks by subject matter experts and leaders in the STS. The luncheon provides further opportunity to meet STS members and residents from across the country and internationally.
- **Upcoming [AATS Featured Webinars](#):**
  - “My Worst-Case Scenario” with Dr. Thoralf M. Sundt, III on November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Endovascular Arch Repair on December 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Critical Components on Mentoring Congenital Series on December 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Lung transplantation and ARDS with Dr. Shaf Keshavjee

(Prepared by Evan Rotar and Irbaz Hameed and David Blitzer)

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### Featured Podcast / Event

Tune in to this month’s featured podcast:

- [Health Care Sustainability for Trainees](#) with *David Blitzer and Elizabeth Yates*.
- Also listen in to *David Blitzer and Jason Han* discuss [social media as an educational platform](#).

See our full list of podcasts at [the podcast main site](#). Please contact [Anna Olds](#) for new ideas and topics.



# TSRA Journal Club

Thoracic Surgery Residents Association

Join us December 13th, 2022 at 8:00pm EST for the TSRA Webinar Series

## Four practice-changing papers in cardiovascular medicine

Featuring world experts and trainees in both cardiac surgery and cardiology



**Gorav Ailawadi, MD, MBA**  
University of Michigan  
Professor and Chair of Cardiac Surgery  
Co-Director, Frankel Cardiovascular Center



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Cleveland Clinic  
Professor of Surgery and Sheikh Hamdan bin  
Rashid Al Maktoum Distinguished Chair in  
Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery



**Ashwini Kerkar, MD**  
University of Michigan  
Moderator



**Ray J. Strobel, MD, MSc**  
University of Virginia  
Moderator

The event will include discussion of four recent, practice-changing publications in cardiovascular medicine with an opportunity for Q&A from the audience

This webinar series is supported by

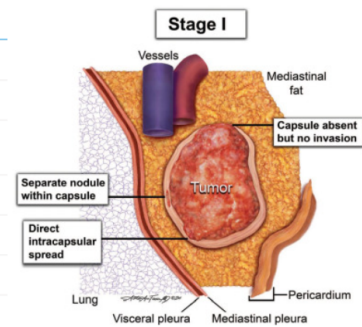
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### Clinical Pearl (Prepared by Laura DiChiacchio)

The Masaoka-Koga staging system is important for classifying thymomas and thymic malignancies:

Stage	Definition
I	Grossly and microscopically completely encapsulated tumor
IIa	Microscopic transcapsular invasion
b	Macroscopic invasion into thymic or surrounding fatty tissue, or grossly adherent to but not breaking through mediastinal pleura or pericardium
III	Macroscopic invasion into neighboring organ (i.e., pericardium, great vessel, or lung)
IVa	Pleural or pericardial metastases
b	Lymphogenous or hematogenous metastasis

Adapted from *Pathol Int* 1994;44:359-367.



### Ongoing Opportunities & Deadlines (Prepared by S. Faaz Ashraf )

- TSRA/STS Traveling Fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery: **12/11/22** [LINK](#)
  - TSRA/STS Global Outreach Fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery: **12/11/22** [LINK](#)
  - ISMICS 2023 annual meeting abstract deadline: **12/12/22** [LINK](#)
  - NIH F series grant awards, Cycle 3 deadline: **12/08/22** [LINK](#)
  - As always, you can review other upcoming events on the [CTSNet Events Listing](#)
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- **Looking for resident mentors! The T SMA/TSRA Joint Mentorship Collaborative** seeks to pair a CT surgery trainee at any level of training (including general surgery residents going into CT surgery) with a student mentee from T SMA. Please contact [Cynthia Rangel](#)
- If you are interested in advancing your ethics knowledge, you may apply for a scholarship of up to **\$10,000 through the Cardiothoracic Ethics Forum**. Please visit the [Cardiothoracic Ethics Forum scholarship website](#) or contact [admin@aats.org](mailto:admin@aats.org) or [Robert M. Sade, MD](#). The deadline to apply is **December 15, 2022**.
- Interested in doing a **quick 1-minute video on a key CT surgery concept** which will be disseminated to thousands across all TSRA social platforms? Please contact [Irbaz Hameed](#) to contribute to [#1minCTconsult](#).



## The [TSRA](#) Executive Committee at AATS 2022

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Do you want to share exciting opportunities with other CT surgery enthusiasts on this newsletter? Email [Jason.Han@penmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:Jason.Han@penmedicine.upenn.edu)

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