



TSRA newsletter

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NUTS AND BOLTS OF AN ACADEMIC JOB IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY; STARTING OUT AS A SURGEON-SCIENTIST

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28 | 7:00PM-8:00PM ET

Join the AATS and TSRA for our first joint Webinar Wednesday collaboration on June 28th @ 7 PM EST: "Nuts and Bolts of an Academic Job in Cardiothoracic Surgery." This will be an excellent learning opportunity for early-career academic surgeons and CT trainees!

Join us at [Webinar Link \(AATS\)](#).

Podcast series and competition (EXTENDED Deadline)

Win money in our new Podcast Competition!

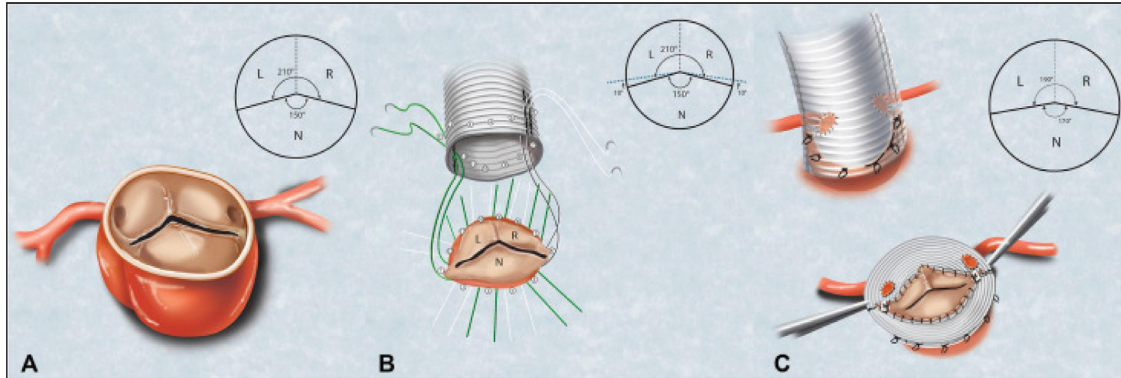
The TSRA is proud to announce the first Clinical Scenarios podcast competition. The top cardiac, thoracic, and congenital podcasts will each receive a \$100 prize, and the best overall podcast will receive a \$200 prize.

To enter the competition, please contact [Anna Olds](#). **The submission deadline is June 30th.**

We are recruiting for a new mini podcast series of 5-minute episodes on blood management. Reach out to [Anna Olds](#) if you would like to contribute to TSRA and publish a mini podcast!

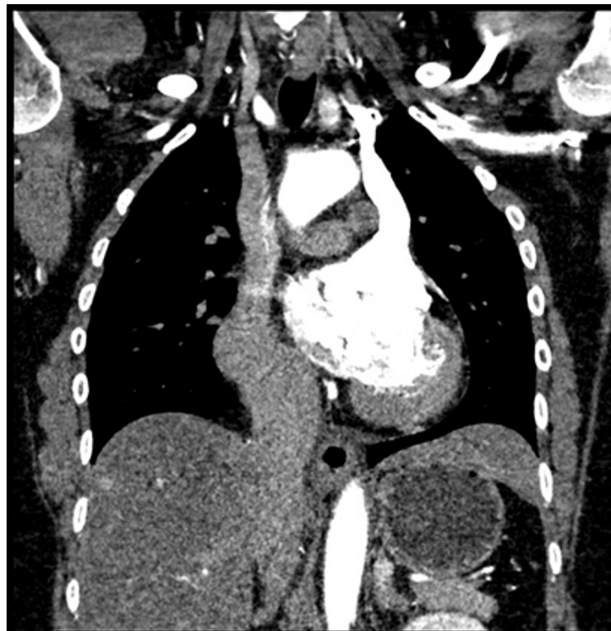
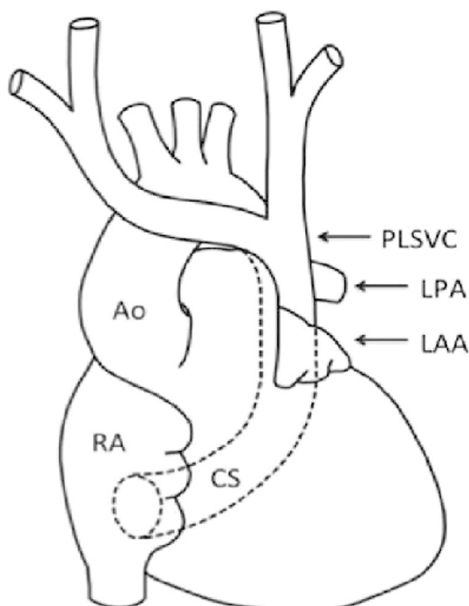
PROGRESS trials with Drs Roxana Mehran, Arnar Geirsson, Kendra Grubb, Irbaz Hameed and Sophia Alexis

Featured Image (Prepared by Nick Oh)



Bicuspid aortic valves present a variety of anatomic configurations, which require careful consideration when performing a valve-sparing aortic root replacement. Zhu et al. describes a novel 170/190 degree technique useful particularly in BAVs with asymmetric morphologies. ([Zhu et al., JTCVS Tech, 2023, PMID: 37096113](#))

Clinical Pearl (Prepared by Justin Robinson)



from failure or obliteration of the anterior cardinal vein. The PLSVC may drain into the coronary sinus (most common) or directly into the left atrium. A PLSVC should be suspected if a dilated coronary sinus is noted on echo, or, the absence of a left innominate (brachiocephalic) vein.

Image 1- [Bisoyi S, et al. Ann Card Anaesth. 2017;20\(1\):104-107.](#)

Image 2 –[Gaillard F, et al. Left-sided superior vena cava. Reference article, Radiopaedia.org.
<https://doi.org/10.53347/rID-1573>](#)

Abstracts and Meetings (Prepared by William Frankel)

Upcoming abstract submission deadlines (Links provided on date):

- ECTSS: [June 20th](#)
- AATS Medical Student Diversity Scholarship: [July 2nd](#)
- Selected AATS Foundation Research/Traveling Fellowship Awards: [July 2nd](#)
- ELSO: [July 15th](#)
- STS: [July 20th](#)
- NIH F Series Grants (Cycle II): [August 8th](#)
- CTSNet Innovation Video Competition: [August 31st](#)
- Selected TSF Research/Traveling Fellowship Awards: [September 15th](#)

Upcoming Meetings (Links Provided on Date):

- WTSA Annual Meeting, Coeur d'Alene, ID: [June 21-24](#)
- AATS International Thoracic Surgical Oncology Summit, New York, NY: [September 22-23](#)
- LACES/WSCTS Congress, Iguassu Falls, PR, Brazil: [August 24-26](#)

Ongoing Opportunities

- **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

- 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 Global TSRA Is surveying to characterize better and broaden our understanding of global cardiothoracic surgery training paradigms. Survey located [here](#)
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The [TSRA Webapp calendar](#) is a centralized hub for events and webinars in the cardiothoracic community. Please send us any details you would like to share with our community and keep an eye on the calendar for great upcoming events! For information or publicity, please email [Carrie Dubeau](#).

Upcoming AATS/STS webinars

AATS (Links provided on date):

- AATS/TSRA Career Development: Nuts and Bolts of an Academic Job in Cardiothoracic Surgery; Starting Out as a Surgeon-Scientist: [June 28th](#)
- Best of AATS 2023: Adult Cardiac: [July 5th](#)
- Best of AATS 2023: Congenital: [July 12th](#)
- Best of AATS 2023: Thoracic: [July 19th](#)

STS (Links provided on date):

- The Voices of Cardiothoracic Surgery: The State of DEI Today: [June 28th](#)
 - Robotic Aortic Valve Replacement (RAVR): A New Alternative for Aortic Valve Disease : [July 6th](#)
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