



TSRA newsletter

May 2023



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New 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](#) by the **31st of May; the submission deadline is June 30th.**

management. Reach out to [Anna Olds](#) if you would like to contribute to TSRA and publish a mini podcast!

TSRA Webinars

Panelists:



Mara Antonoff, MD
MD Anderson
Cancer Center



Winfield Wells, MD
Children's Hospital
Los Angeles



Jessica Donington, MD
University of
Chicago



Serge Kobsa, MD
University of
Southern
California



Ian Bostock, MD
Medical
University of
South Carolina

TSRA Wellness Webinar Series:

Dealing with Complications

Monday, May 22, 2023
8-9 PM EST

Register here:
<https://shorturl.at/bfiqW>

Moderated by:



Cherie Erkmen, MD
Temple
University



Anna Olds, MD
University of
Southern
California



Join TSRA and TSDA in our new Wellness Webinar Series! First up: Dealing with Complications. Monday, May 22, 2023 8:00PM EST. We will be joined by leaders in our field and malpractice experts to discuss medicolegal complications and resources, with opportunity for questions from the audience.

Register at <https://shorturl.at/bfiqW>

Watch a recording of our recently hosted webinar: [Ongoing trials which will revolutionize cardiovascular medicine](#). Live discussion on PRIMARY, REPAIR-MR, TWILIGHT and PROGRESS trials with Drs Roxana Mehran, Arnar Geirsson, Kendra Grubb, Irbaz Hameed and Sophia Alexis

Call for 2023-2024 TSRA Executive Committee Applicants!

Committee include the President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President, Committee Chairs and members-at-large. The Executive Committee meets monthly via conference call on Sunday at 9:00 p.m. ET (EC members will be notified when exact dates are identified). Executive Committee members **MUST** be able to participate in the majority of calls, as well as be involved in e-mail communication between meetings, and attend at least one of the two TSRA Executive Committee meetings held in conjunction with the STS and AATS Annual Meetings. Generally, no more than one institution can be represented on the Executive Committee. We are currently seeking **2 members-at-large** for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year.

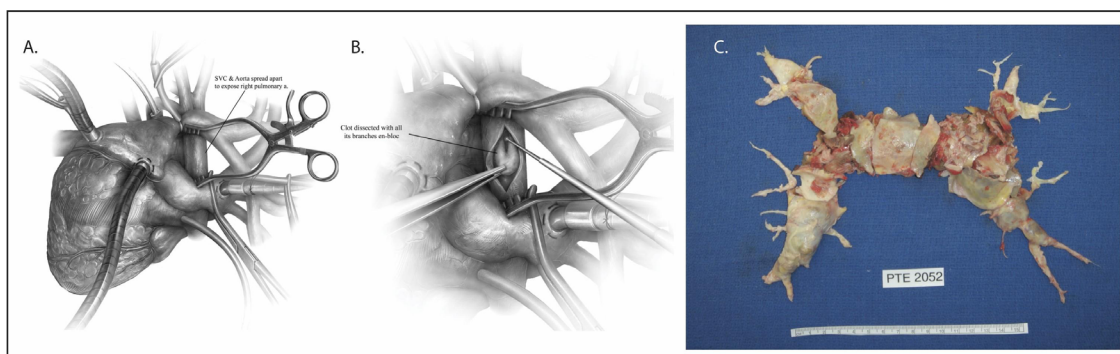
Components of an application should include:

1. Letter of interest (1 page) – please highlight previous involvement with TSRA committees, if applicable, and how/why you would contribute to the TSRA Executive Committee. As part of the letter, please propose one new unique idea for what TSRA can do during the next year to better serve residents.
2. Current CV
3. Letter from your program director expressing support for serving on the TSRA Executive Committee including the time off and financial support to be able to attend the STS and AATS Annual Meetings.

Please submit your completed application for the 2023-2024 TSRA Executive Committee by **June 20, 2023**.

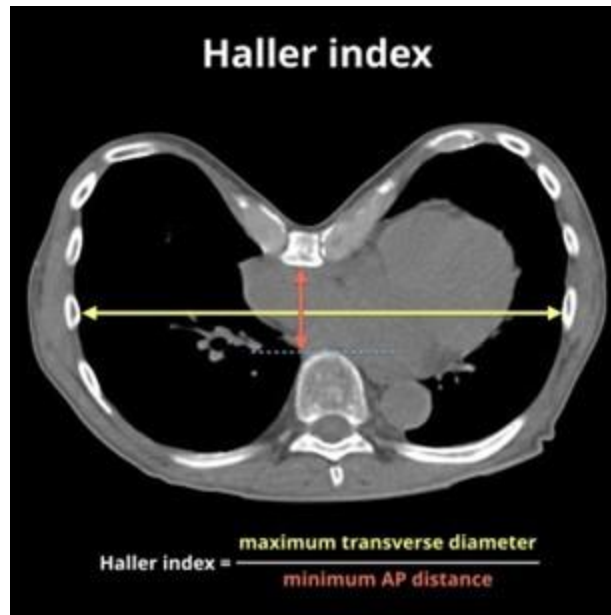
Email tsrasurgery@gmail.com with questions, comments, and completed application.

Featured Image (Prepared by Nick Oh)



severely underappreciated disease. Surgical management requires pulmonary thromboendarterectomy. Learn the operative steps as performed by the UCSD group ([Madani et al., Semin Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2006, PMID: 17185187](#))

Clinical Pearl (Prepared by Justin Robinson)



The **Haller index** is a relationship used to define the extent of chest wall deformity in patients with **Pectus excavatum**. The index is calculated by dividing the transverse diameter by the anterior-posterior (AP) distance on an axial chest CT at the area of smallest distance between the anterior vertebral body and posterior sternum. A ratio of ≥ 2.5 is diagnostic of pectus excavatum. A ratio ≥ 3.25 - 3.5 is an indication for surgical intervention.

Yahia A, Ashraf A, Niknejad M, et al. Haller index. Reference article, Radiopaedia.org

<https://doi.org/10.53347/rID-57433>

Abstracts and Meetings (Prepared by William Frankel)

Upcoming abstract submission deadlines (Links provided on date):

- CHSS: [May 23rd](#)
- AATS International Thoracic Surgical Oncology Summit: [June 5th](#)
- AHA: [June 8th](#)

- AATS Medical Student Diversity Scholarship: [July 2nd](#)
- Selected AATS Foundation Research/Traveling Fellowship Awards: [July 2nd](#)
- ELSO: [July 15th](#)

Upcoming Meetings (Links Provided on Date):

- ISMICS Annual Meeting, Boston, MA: [May 31-June 3](#)
- STS Coronary Conference, Miami, FL: [June 3-4](#)
- TVT Structural Heart Summit, Phoenix, AZ: [June 7-10](#)
- AATS Mechanical Support and Thoracic Transplantation Summit, Toronto, ON, Canada: [June 9-10](#)
- ASAIO Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA: [June 14-17](#)
- WTSA Annual Meeting, Coeur d'Alene, ID: [June 21-24](#)
- 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 residents going into CT surgery) with a student mentee from TSMA. Please contact [Cynthia Rangel](#)
- 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](#)

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 Journals Webinar - Editor Roundtable: ECD on Acute Type A Aortic Dissection: [May 24th](#)
- Mitral Annular Calcification: [June 7th](#)
- The High-Risk Norwood: [June 14th](#)
- Induction Vs Adjuvant Therapy for Early-Stage Lung Cancer - Debate: [June 21st](#)

STS (Links provided on date):

- STS Member Town Hall: Advancing a Culture of Inclusivity [May 25th](#)



The TSRA Executive Committee at AATS 2023

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