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Candidate Connection



What topics would you like to read about in the next issue of Candidate Connection? The Society would like your feedback and suggestions in order to provide you with the most relevant resources and information. Please send your feedback to communications@sts.org.

STS 2021 Goes Virtual

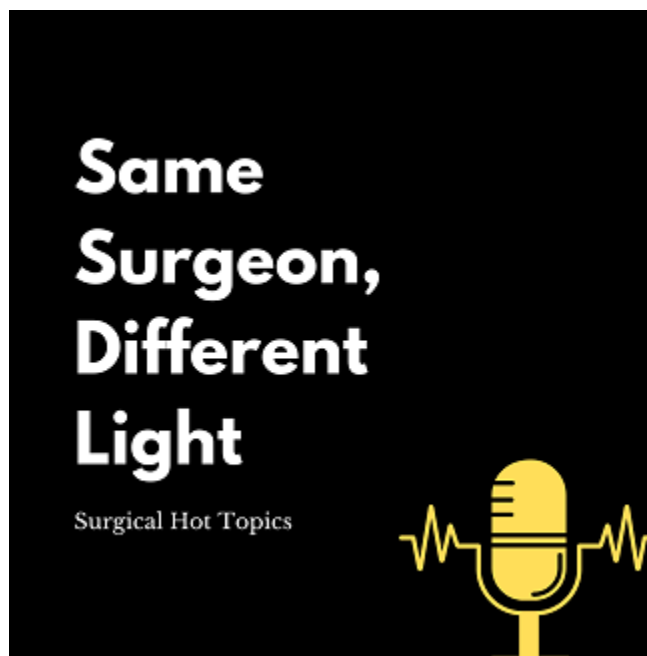
The [2021 STS Annual Meeting](#), which takes place Friday, January 29 to Sunday, January 31, will be an immersive digital experience that will include prerecorded and live content, panel discussions, attendee chat features, 360-degree videos, networking events, and more.

Registration—free for candidate and pre-candidate members—is expected to open in November. If you know of any medical students or general surgery residents considering careers in cardiothoracic surgery, share the news of the [STS Looking to the Future Scholarship](#), which offers free meeting registration and other career-building opportunities. [Read more about STS 2021](#) in the fall issue of *STS News*.



Tune in to New Podcast Series

“Same Surgeon, Different Light” is a new podcast series from the Society designed to demystify cardiothoracic surgery and provide insight into the men and women behind the surgical masks. The series, hosted by Drs. David Cooke and Tom Varghese, uncovers the obstacles, triumphs, tradeoffs, and pivotal moments that have shaped their guests’ careers and personal missions. So far, the series has featured Drs. [Bob Higgins](#) and [Rich Prager](#). In the coming weeks, episodes with Drs. Joanna Chikwe, Doug Mathisen, and Leah Backhus will be added. You can find the podcast on the Society’s [Surgical Hot Topics channel](#) or subscribe to it via your favorite podcast app.



Apply for Ethics Forum Scholarship

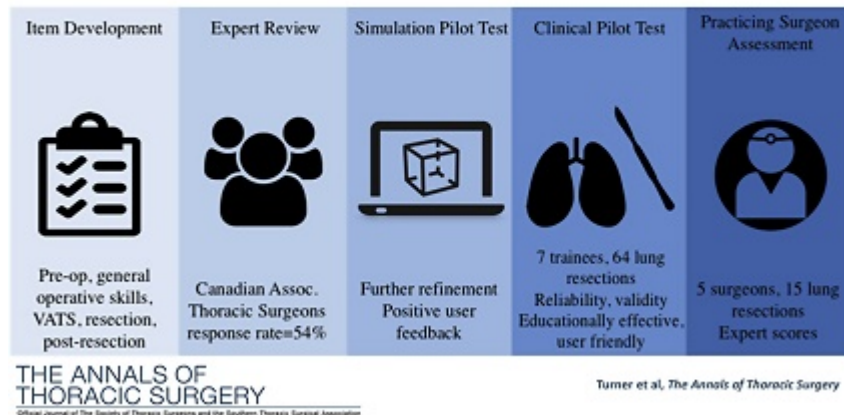
Interested in expanding your knowledge of biomedical ethics? The deadline to apply for an Ethics Forum Scholarship is October 30. Scholarships of up to \$10,000 will fund enrollment in educational

courses at leading ethics centers, including Georgetown University, Columbia University, Harvard University, and the University of Washington. This scholarship program is offered from the Cardiothoracic Ethics Forum, a joint STS and American Association for Thoracic Surgery project. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Visual Abstract Templates Now Available

Graphic elements can help readers quickly gain an understanding of an article's main message, as well as help readers identify research most relevant to their interests. The Society's peer-reviewed journal, *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, now has available [visual abstract templates with detailed instructions](#) for authors who want to add graphic elements to their original research articles. Drs. Tom Varghese and Jessica Luc, among others, played an essential role in designing the templates. To see how researchers have used graphic elements to illustrate their findings, you can view a [list of articles with visual abstracts](#) on *The Annals* website.

Assessing Performance of Anatomic Lung Resection



New 8 in 8 Series Videos Released

The Society has added four new videos to its 8 in 8 Series, a collection that offers clear and quick explanations of complex cardiothoracic surgery topics. The videos are narrated by experts who describe one subject over the stretch of 8 minutes, using eight slides. Two of the topics included in this new batch are extracorporeal membrane oxygenation in lung transplantation and right ventricular failure in cardiac surgery. You can view the videos on the [Society's website](#) or via the [STS YouTube channel](#).



Ways to Develop Your Career

The [Career Development Blog](#) highlights topics related to the career needs of trainees and early career surgeons. New blog entries include:

- [Get Involved, then Show Up and Do the Work](#) (by Dr. Doug Wood)
- [Essential Elements of an Ideal Job](#) (by Dr. Betty Tong)

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