

STSA Continuing Medical Education Mission Statement

The continuing medical education mission of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is to design and deliver high-quality, practical, and scientifically rigorous educational programming at its Annual Meeting in the areas of cardiovascular, general 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, general 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 break-out 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.

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