

## The American Association for Thoracic Surgery



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### AATS 100th Annual Meeting: A Virtual Learning Experience

All presentations from the 100th Annual Meeting are now available on demand until September 23 on [aats.org](http://aats.org). Stay tuned for details on the 101st Annual Meeting and Aortic Symposium, taking place May 1-4, 2021, in Seattle, WA.

### View Updated Content on AATS Online

You can now view presentations from the 2019 International Thoracic Surgical Oncology Summit and 2020 Mechanical Support for the Heart and Lung Symposium on AATS

Online. Access any of the presentations from the two-day meeting via the button below or go to AATS Online in the top navigation menu on the AATS Web site and select on Presentations from the drop-down menu. You will be prompted to log in and can use the available links if you do not know your user name and password.

To see the presentations from these or any other meeting, use the filter on the left side of the Presentation page to select the meeting from the drop-down menu and set the year. Refine your search further by using the search box to look for specific topics or presenters.

You can also search for other content on AATS Online including surgical videos, images, guidelines, and discussions with experts.

### Update Your AATS Profile

Check that the information in your [aats.org](http://aats.org) profile is current to ensure that you are receiving AATS information that is most important to you. By updating your contact information and sharing your areas of interest, you will be able to optimize your use of AATS Online and receive relevant AATS news. While you are in your profile, you can upload a recent photo, view your AATS activity, and more. To access your profile, log in using the “Sign In” or “My Account” link at the top of [aats.org](http://aats.org).

## The AATS Foundation



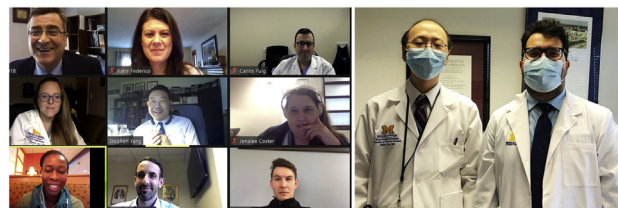
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### Supporting the Future

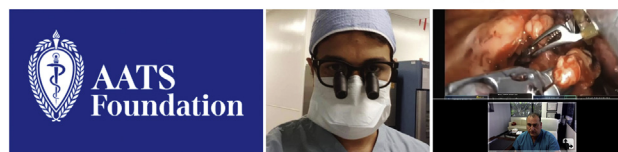
While 2020 was an unprecedented year, generous donors and partners ensured that it ended on a positive note by contributing to the AATS Foundation’s end-of-year Annual Appeal. Many individuals took advantage of the AATS matching grant by making contributions of \$2,500 or more. Foundation leadership will be sharing the results of the campaign in the coming weeks.

Donor support will profoundly impact individual surgical scholarship, advance patient care in cardiothoracic surgery around the world, and enhance the mission of *supporting cardiothoracic surgeons in research and education*.

The philanthropic arm of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery will continue to foster careers and develop leaders in 2021. In the coming months, there will be



### Thank You for Your Support



additional information regarding available educational programs, ways to support the Foundation, and future plans for the AATS Foundation. Visit [aatsfoundation.org](http://aatsfoundation.org) to learn more.

**Learn more about the various ways to make a gift on [aatsfoundation.org](http://aatsfoundation.org).**

As the Foundation ends another year of programming, there are many reasons to be thankful this holiday season, and the main reason is *you*. From the support of generous donors, to the dedication of AATS mentors and host institutions, to the

enthusiasm of award recipients, on behalf of AATS Foundation leadership and staff, heartfelt appreciation is extended.

Thank you for making this work possible and for your commitment to supporting the future of cardiothoracic surgery.

## The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

### Save the Date



### WTSA 47th Annual Meeting

June 23-26, 2021  
Fairmont Empress  
Victoria, BC, Canada

### Call for Abstracts

The 2021 WTSA Annual Meeting will be held at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, BC, Canada, from June 23 to 26, 2021. Abstract submissions are now being accepted for presentation consideration at the 2021 WTSA Annual Meeting through Monday, January 11, 2021, at 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time. Visit the WTSA Web site at [westernthoracic.org](http://westernthoracic.org) to view author instructions and to submit abstracts.

### Applications for WTSA Membership

The WTSA is now accepting Applications for Membership online for Active as well as Candidate membership status for the 2021 membership cycle. Visit the WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) to read the complete membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

### Active Member

\$375 annually, plus \$50 initiation fee

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Reside within or have completed a cardiothoracic residency training program within the geographic limits of the Association.

- Have been engaged in the practice of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery for at least three years following completion of postgraduate training. If a candidate completed his/her thoracic surgical residency or a one-year clinical fellowship in an institution within the geographic limits of the Association, such completion may count toward one of the three years of practice.
- Have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in his or her respective state or province, and have a current appointment on the surgical staff of a hospital with no reportable action pending which could adversely affect such applicant's staff privileges at any hospital.

### Candidate Member

\$100 annually

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Be matched or enrolled in either a cardiothoracic surgery education program accredited by the Residency Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery under the authority of the ACGME or a program approved for cardiothoracic surgery education by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada—or their equivalency—from within the Association's geographic limits. Individuals who have completed their education in one of the above programs but do not yet meet all of the criteria for Active membership also are eligible to apply for Candidate membership. Individuals who trained outside the Association's geographic limits who are now residing within the Association's boundaries but do not yet have three years in practice may also apply for Candidate membership.

An application must include the following uploads: a photo, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and, for Active applicants, the 3 most significant articles that s/he personally wrote. The application must be completed and submitted online by March 1, 2021, and all support letter(s) (three for Active applicants, one for Candidates) uploaded by that applicant's sponsor(s) by March 31, 2021, in order for the applicant to be considered for election to membership at the 2021 Annual Meeting.