



### **Course Description**

The STS Coronary Conference Online will address how to take coronary surgery programs to the next level from a basic to an advanced program. Experts from around the world share the latest techniques and outcomes.

The course includes interactive presentations, “How I Do It” video sessions on surgical techniques, practical tips and tricks, and case-based panel discussions.

### **Target Audience**

The STS Coronary Conference Online targets cardiothoracic surgeons and heart team members who focus on coronary artery surgery.

### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss the latest advances in coronary artery surgery.
- Join in discussions with the heart team about patient selection/approaches .
- Summarize in depth the indications and comparative revascularization outcomes for CABG.
- Describe and demonstrate on-pump CABG/off-pump CABG methods, as well as minimally invasive CABG methods.
- Describe and demonstrate the various techniques in conduit harvesting.
- Describe and demonstrate the various master techniques in graft configuration.
- Delineate the specific challenges in coronary surgery by different patient populations.

### **Accreditation Information**

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### **Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits**

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