Course Overview
Learn about the most recent advances in minimally invasive thoracic surgery, discuss the technical aspects of the most challenging procedures with national and international experts, and share your most difficult cases with knowledgeable and skilled faculty.

This postgraduate course emphasizes the use of video-based education and in-depth discussion of technical details by faculty who are experts in their field.

Target Audience
This activity is designed to meet the continuing education needs of thoracic surgeons, as well as others who may assist thoracic surgeons in practice. Although the curriculum focuses on the most challenging and complex procedures, fellows and residents in thoracic and surgical training programs have also benefited from previous courses, as have physician assistants and other operative personnel.

Learning Objectives
After attending this program, participants should be able to:
- Describe the advantages and technical considerations associated with minimally invasive strategies in the management of basic and complex thoracic disorders
- Discuss the conduct of minimally invasive thoracic surgery through analysis and critique of videos
- Explain the process by which technically advanced procedures may be incorporated into surgical practice
- Discuss controversial issues, emerging techniques, and future directions in minimally invasive thoracic surgery

ACCREDITATION
This activity has been planned and implemented by the Duke University Health System Department of Clinical Education & Professional Development and Cine-Med for the advancement of patient care. The Duke University Health System Department of Clinical Education & Professional Development is accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing education for the health care team.

CREDIT DESIGNATION
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Saturday, September 17—Grand Ballroom

7:00 am REGISTRATION, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, EXHIBITS

7:30 am SESSION VI: MINIMALLY INVASIVE THORACIC SURGERY: MICELLUCIOUS

9:00 am BREAK AND EXHIBITS

10:00 am BREAKOUT SESSION: OPERATIVE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE THORACIC TEAM—BEKEMAN ROOM

12:00 Noon LUNCH AND EXHIBITS

12:15 pm BREAKOUT SESSION: INOPERATIVE THORACOSCOPIC ASSISTING TECHNIQUES—BEKEMAN ROOM

Scott Balderson, PA-C

SESSION VII: THE FUTURE—IS IT HERE YET?

Moderator: James Luketich, MD

1:00 pm Image Guided Surgery

Kenzo Yashiu, MD

1:20 pm High Definition, 3D and Beyond

Todd Demmy, MD

1:40 pm Innovative Technology and Instrumentation

Shanda Blackmon, MD

SESSION VIII: DEBATE: COMPLEX THORACIC PROCEDURES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO HIGH-VOLUME CENTERS

Moderator: Thomas D’Amico, MD

2:00 pm Pros: The Canadian System

Kenzo Yashiu, MD

2:20 pm Cons: The American System

Todd Demmy, MD

2:40 pm DISCUSSION

3:00 pm ADJOURN

Opportunities for Q&A will be provided throughout each day.