

Saturday, February 22nd

6:30 AM Registration & Breakfast

7:31 AM Opening Remarks

Michael Rosen, MD

Session 1

Setting the Stage for Optimum Outcomes: Preoperative Optimization

Session Moderators:

Kaela Blake, MD & Flavio Malcher, MD, MSc

7:42 AM Preoperative Optimization: Meeting the Patient Where They Are At

Courtney Collins, MD

7:55 AM Ventral Hernia Repair in Cirrhotic Patients

Aldo Fafaj, MD

8:08 AM Preoperative Optimization: Are We Overstating the Value of Smoking Cessation and Weight Control?

Benjamin Miller, MD

8:21 AM Comparing Outcomes of Optimized Patients Undergoing Emergent Repair Versus Non-Optimized Patients Undergoing Elective Repair

Courtney Collins, MD

8:34 AM Preoperative Optimization From the Patient's Perspective: Insights From the ACHQC Patient Engagement & Advocacy Committee

Bryan Ellis, DO

8:46 AM Panel Discussion

Session 2

Mentoring Future Surgeons: How Can We Optimize Post-Graduate Hernia Training?

Session Moderators:

Anthony Iacco, MD & Ajita Prabhu, MD

9:08 AM Current State of AWR/Hernia Fellowships

Ajita Prabhu, MD

9:21 AM The Argument for More Widespread Fellowship Training in AWR/Hernia

Megan Melland-Smith, MD

9:34 AM The Potential Downside of More Widespread Fellowship Training in AWR/Hernia

David Krpata, MD

9:47 AM Panel Discussion

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10:08 AM Break

Session 3

Measuring What Matters: Inguinal Hernias

Session Moderators:
Nora Fullington, MD & Todd Harris, MD

10:29 AM Comparison of Pre- and Postoperative Patient Reported Quality of Life Outcomes in Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Patients Undergoing Elective Inguinal Hernia Repair Avika Sharma
2024 ACHQC Resident & Fellow Research Grant

10:42 AM How Does Contralateral Occult Hernia Repair at the Time of Minimally Invasive Inguinal Hernia Repair Affect Quality of Life? Mazen Al-Mansour, MBBS

10:55 AM Does Mesh Matter? A Review of Chronic Pain After Open Inguinal Hernia Repair Among Different Types of Mesh Sarah Budney, MD

11:08 AM Do Reusable Trocars Increase the Risk of Wound Complications in Minimally Invasive Inguinal Hernia Repair? Kimberly Woo, MD

11:21 AM Panel Discussion

11:42 AM Lunch

Session 4

Improving Outcomes Through Mastery: Routine Hernias

Session Moderators:
Arielle Perez, MD, MPH, MS & Samuel Zolin, MD

12:43 PM To Drain or Not to Drain? An ACHQC Analysis in Elective Open Incisional Hernia Surgery Prashanth Sreeramoju, MD

12:56 PM Mesh Reinforced Diastasis Repair of Midline Incisional Hernias Alan Kravitz, MD

1:12 PM Panel Discussion

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Session 5

Breakout Group Session

Breakout Group Leads: Lucas Beffa, MD, Courtney Collins, MD, William Hope, MD & Charlotte Horne, MD

Group 1

What is the Role for Heavyweight Mesh, and What Do We Need From Industry?

Group 2

What Outcomes Should We Be Measuring, and Should We Change?

Group 3

Prophylaxis

Group 4

Parastomal Hernias: What Does the Data Say We Should Be Doing?

1:33 PM

1:54 PM

Group 1 Report

2:05 PM

Group 2 Report

2:16 PM

Group 3 Report

2:27 PM

Group 4 Report

2:38 PM

Break

Session 6

Innovative Techniques to Navigate Challenges: How to Get Out of Trouble

Session Moderators:

Mazen Al-Mansour, MBBS & Luciano Tastaldi, MD

2:59 PM

Machine Learning Approach for the Prediction of Hernia Recurrence, Postoperative Complication, and 30-Day Readmission After Abdominal Wall Reconstruction

Diego Lima, MD

3:12 PM

Venous Thromboembolism in Retromuscular Ventral Hernia Repair: An Abdominal Core Health Quality Collaborative Analysis

Sofia Piperno

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3:25 PM	Surgeon's Age and Experience on Complications Following Abdominal Wall Reconstruction	Abdulaziz Elemosho, MD
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3:38 PM	Tips and Tricks to Operate On Obese Patients and Limit Wound Morbidity	Brianna Slatnick, MD
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3:51 PM	Panel Discussion	
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Session 7
Mountains of Opportunity: Expanding Networks for Quality Improvement in Abdominal Core Health

Session Moderators:
Pedro Amaral, MD & Gustavo Soares, MD

4:12 PM	Brazil: Lessons Learned from South of the Border	Sergio Roll, MD
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4:25 PM	Canada: Lessons Learned from North of the Border	Megan Melland-Smith, MD
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4:38 PM	Panel Discussion	
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6:00 PM	Welcome Reception	
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7:00 PM	Dinner	
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Session 8

Practice Management: Billing & Coding

Session Moderators:
Moustafa Hassan, MD & Prashanth Sreeramoju, MD

7:44 AM Has the Reported Hernia Size Changed in the Last Year as a Result of the Change in Medicare Reimbursement Codes? Flavio Malcher, MD, MSc

7:57 AM Marketing Your Practice With a Focus on Verified Surgeon of Quality Todd Harris, MD

8:10 AM Panel Discussion

Session 9

Research & RCTs

Session Moderators:
Clayton Petro, MD & Richard Pierce, MD, PhD

8:31 AM Long-Term Follow Up of a Randomized Controlled Trial of Biologic Versus Synthetic Mesh Daphne Remulla, MD

8:44 AM Impact of Methocarbamol on Opioid Use After Inguinal Hernia Repair and Incisional Hernia - Pilot RCT Jeremy Warren, MD

8:57 AM Suggamadex Trial Daphne Remulla, MD

9:10 AM Exploring a Mesh-Cancer Link: Establishing the ACHQC Biorepository Benjamin Poulouse, MD, MPH

9:23 AM Panel Discussion

9:44 AM Break

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Session 10

Foregut

Session Moderators:

André Brandalise, MD & Ivy Haskins, MD

10:05 AM	Defining a Clinically Significant Paraesophageal Hernia Recurrence	William Bennett, MD
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10:18 AM	Update on the MVP Trial	Clayton Petro, MD
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10:31 AM	Paraesophageal Hernia Repair Tips and Tricks	Ivy Haskins, MD
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10:47 AM	Panel Discussion	
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Session 11

EMR Integration With OBERD

Session Moderator:

Benjamin Poulouse, MD, MPH

11:08 AM	Update on How to Optimize Data Entry Using All the Bells and Whistles of OBERD	Benjamin Poulouse, MD, MPH
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11:21 AM	Q&A	
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11:37 AM	Closing Remarks	Michael Rosen, MD
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11:48 AM	Grab & Go Lunch	
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