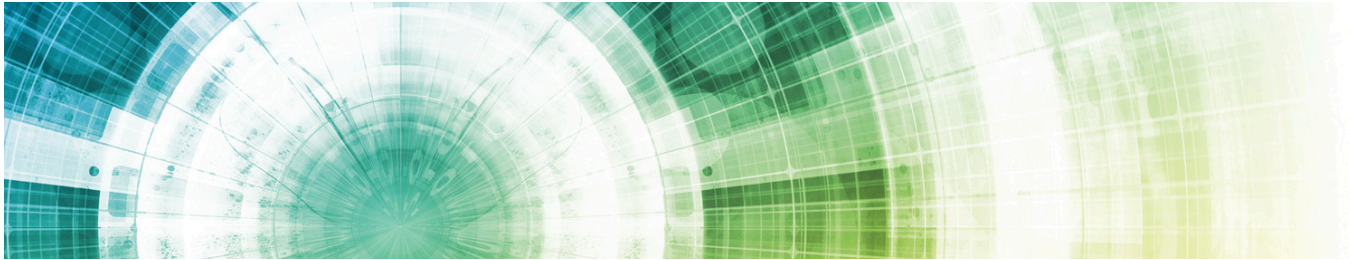


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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 8TH ANNUAL QI SUMMIT

Thank you to all who attended the 8th annual ACHQC Quality Improvement Summit in February! For those unable to attend, we have assembled a list of key points from each session on the ACHQC website's QI Summit web page and linked many of the presentations.



VIEW THE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



SAVE THE DATE! 2027 QI SUMMIT RETURNS TO CHICAGO



We invite you to join us for the 9th Annual ACHQC Quality Improvement Summit! The meeting is a true collaborative learning experience where we analyze data, identify high performers and share critical quality improvement in patient data to maximize your outcomes. It will be highly interactive and critical to our quality improvement mission.

2026 RESIDENT & FELLOW RESEARCH GRANT



ACHQC is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2026 ACHQC Resident & Fellow Research Grant is Austin Coale, MD. Dr. Coale is a PGY-1 resident at the University of Florida, and his ACHQC surgeon mentor is Dr. Mazen Al-Mansour.

Dr. Coale will present the findings of his study "Onlay versus retrorectus mesh position in ventral hernia repair with concomitant panniculectomy" at the 2027 ACHQC Quality Improvement Summit in Chicago.

DECISION REGRET SCALE

The **Decision Regret Scale** is now incorporated into the ACHQC Registry to capture patient-reported outcomes following inguinal, ventral, and hiatal hernia repair. This validated instrument assesses patients' reflections on their treatment decision, providing insight into satisfaction and perceived appropriateness of care. Inclusion of the Decision Regret Scale supports ACHQC's goal of advancing patient-centered outcomes research and quality improvement across hernia types.

The scale has been included in the PRO assessments in OBERD. Paper forms of the new PRO assessments are now available on the ACHQC website to download on the 'Resources' page under 'Data Collection Aids/Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs)'.

[VIEW THE REGISTRY
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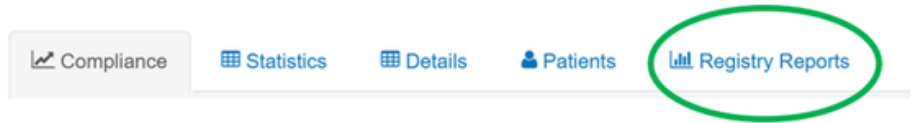


SURGEON REPORTS

Did you know that real-time reporting for volume and outcomes can be found on your surgeon dashboard? You can find your report by selecting 'Registry Reports' after logging into the Registry.

Within your surgeon report, you can view:

- Volume
- Demographics
- Comorbidities
- Operative Information
- 30-Day Outcomes
- Long Term Outcomes



[VIEW THE SURGEON REPORT GUIDE](#)

EMR INTEGRATION

One of the key features of the OBERD platform is integration with your Electronic Medical Record (EMR). The first level of integration, available now, automatically completes enrollment file/demographic/CPT code data when you complete a case request in your EMR. ACHQC currently has three sites that have successfully implemented this level of integration (The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and Prisma Health), and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

[VIEW THE EMR INTEGRATION BROCHURE](#)

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While the ACHQC has attracted a host of surgeons committed to capturing high-quality operative data with the aim of improving the quality of patient care, many surgeons struggle with sufficient time and resources to manually input this data. This is an understandable barrier to entry for some, and ACHQC leadership knows that reducing this burden is important to its growth and prosperity.

Along those lines, the transition of the ACHQC Registry to OBERD has facilitated an important step in the streamlining of data entry by allowing for integration with electronic medical records (EMR). In the fall of 2025 at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Prisma Health, EMR integration went live for patient enrollment and entry of demographic information for patients with appropriately designated CPT codes. What was once done manually by surgeons and administrative staff now auto-populates into the ACHQC Registry whenever a case is electronically scheduled. The emergency addition of cases or last-minute changes to the operative schedule are now seamlessly reflected in the database, capturing a more complete picture of participating surgeons' practices.

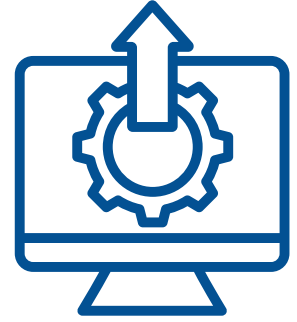
Certainly, more work remains to incorporate the automatic entry of additional information about patient comorbidities, their operative history, and eventually operative details. Still, this remains an important first step regarding the feasibility of EMR integration in the ACHQC Registry and provides an optimistic outlook on eliminating the burden of data entry for surgeons and their staff.

- Clayton Petro, MD

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OBERD V2: COMING SOON

ACHQC is excited to announce that Version 2 (V2) of the ACHQC Registry user interface will be available soon. This upgrade will provide usability enhancements, data downloading capabilities, and improved real-time reports for quality improvement. We are currently in the beta testing phase of the new user interface and will provide an update on the target roll-out date once available.



VERIFIED SURGEON OF QUALITY PROGRAM

The ACHQC Verified Surgeon of Quality program was established to recognize and distinguish participating surgeons for their dedication to improving the quality and value of health care for patients who suffer from hernia disease and diseases of the abdominal wall or abdominal core. Improved quality and value are realized through consistent data entry in the ACHQC Registry and participation in ACHQC's continuous quality improvement programs.

ACHQC leadership believes surgeons focusing on quality improvement will perform at their highest level. We hope that through this verification program, you will be recognized by your peers and broader network for your dedication to improving the quality and value of patient care in your community.

As an ACHQC Verified Surgeon of Quality, you will be:

- Showcasing your commitment to providing quality health care and delivering value to patients through your participation in the ACHQC Registry and its continuous quality improvement programs
- Distinguishing yourself from other surgeons for being dedicated to providing quality care
- Enhancing your credibility among peers and your broader network
- Signaling your readiness and dedication to improving outcomes for patients

You will receive:

- Recognition on ACHQC's [Verified Surgeon of Quality web page](#)
- Media kit -- PDF certificate and digital badge

**ACHQC Verified Surgeon of Quality program is open to all
ACHQC Surgeon Members entering data in 2026.**

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