

# QC VISION

The Official Quarterly Newsletter of Abdominal Core Health Quality Collaborative



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## ACHQC IMPLEMENTS MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

In June, the ACHQC Registry implemented multi-factor authentication (MFA) for enhanced security. In addition to your username and password, users are now required to use an authentication app to login. Our data vendor, ArborMetrix, recommends using Authy, but users are free to use other applications for multi-factor authentication, such as Duo or FreeOTP. Users will see a new ACHQC login page that walks through Arbormetrix is monitoring the transition to MFA closely, and should any issues arise, please reach out to [aileen@achqc.org](mailto:aileen@achqc.org). We understand that this transition to MFA may take some getting used to and greatly appreciate your continued dedication and participation in the ACHQC Registry.

### Tips to Getting Started & Troubleshooting

- Authy provides a desktop app that some users may find easier to use. It can be downloaded [here](#).
- MFA tokens can be copied and pasted from your preferred authentication app (mobile or desktop) to the ACHQC login page.
- MFA tokens will refresh after 30 seconds.
- You can only use one MFA app. Once a MFA app is chosen, it is linked to your ACHQC login credentials. If you would like to switch apps, please email [aileen@achqc.org](mailto:aileen@achqc.org).

- If the MFA login does not initially work, it is likely that the login page QR token was refreshed before the initial one-time code was entered. Please try the following:

- 1). Delete your existing ACHQC account(s) from your chosen MFA app.
- 2). Navigate back to the ACHQC Registry login page and log in with your username and password, which will open a new MFA setup page.
- 3). In the MFA app, press “Add Account” and scan the QR code again. Enter the 6-digit token (no spaces) into the setup page. Make sure the token is entered for the same QR code that was scanned.

View the complete Help Guide [here](#).

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## ACHQC AT AHS

Join the ACHQC on September 15th at the American Hernia Society’s 2022 Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC! The ACHQC session will include updates on embedded RCTs run within the registry. The ACHQC session is free and open for all to attend.

### Updates on Embedded RCTs in the ACHQC

Thursday, September 15th from 8:00am-10:00am

8:00am – 8:15am	<b>What is ACHQC</b> Ajita Prabhu, MD
8:15am – 8:30am	<b>Open Versus Robotic Retromuscular Hernia Repair: The ORREO Trial</b> Jeremy Warren, MD
8:30am – 8:45am	<b>Robotic IPOM Versus Robotic eTEP</b> Clayton Petro, MD
8:45am – 9:00am	<b>Antibiotic Irrigation to Reduce Wound Morbidity: The RINSE Trial</b> Jeremy Warren, MD
9:00am – 9:15am	<b>Fixation Versus No Fixation for Open Retromuscular Hernia Repairs: Long Term Results</b> Ajita Prabhu, MD
9:15am – 10:00am	<b>Panel</b>



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# REGISTRY UPDATES: LONG TERM CLINICAL FOLLOW UP WITH EMR

One of the main goals of the ACHQC is to have a rich dataset containing both short and long term follow up of our patients. We've done a great job with short term (30 day postop) follow up and can use your help collecting longer term (>1 year after surgery) follow up.

The ACHQC is now accepting long term follow up assessments for hernia recurrence and wound events based on Electronic Medical Record lookup. Valid forms of follow up include an abdominal physical examination performed and documented by a credentialed healthcare provider (who doesn't need to be a surgeon or someone on the surgical team). Also, a radiographic study that evaluates the site of the hernia repair (CT, MR, or US) can also be used as follow up.

The information can easily be recorded in the 'Additional Follow Up' Tab after selecting a patient:



To identify a patient who may be eligible for long term follow up, simply go to the patient view and click on the 'Go to end of list' arrow at the very bottom right of the screen:

This will take you to the earliest patients entered in your list.

For step-by-step instructions on how to record this type of follow up, please refer to the instructional video, tip sheet, and ACHQC Policy & Procedure for Long Term Clinical Follow Up linked below.

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[!\[\]\(5361750c22c4e047a52f4eac1ec2d4cc\_img.jpg\) VIEW THE TIP SHEET](#)

[!\[\]\(870f5d5e9c0d57485634be3ecf52f3ca\_img.jpg\) VIEW THE POLICY & PROCEDURE](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### ***Can I enter this type of follow up right now for my patients?***

Yes! You can do this right now. On average, it takes about 2-4 minutes per patient to look them up in the EMR and complete the Additional Follow Up tab in the ACHQC interface. Most practices complete this follow up in batches - 50, or 100 patients at a time a few times throughout the year. This will allow you to capture long term recurrence rates for both ventral hernia and inguinal hernia patients.

### ***Can I capture long term follow up for ventral and inguinal hernia patients with this?***

Yes. EMR long term follow up can be completed for both ventral and inguinal hernia patients. The clinical follow up includes assessments for recurrence, surgical site occurrences, other major complications, and opioid use.

**Will the ACHQC ask us to obtain long term follow up on specific patients?**

Yes. The ACHQC’s targeted Focus on Follow Up plan will periodically have interest in increasing completion of long term follow up for specific patients. An email will be sent to you if we are requesting you to participate in a specific follow up effort.

**Should we still enter patient reported outcome (PRO) information?**

Yes. You should still capture and enter PRO information as you can in your practice.

**What if I discover that a patient has died?**

Correctly reporting a deceased patient is a two step process:

1). Indicate that the patient has died by clicking in the Other Complications section:

2). Change the status of the patient by clicking on the ‘Status’ hyperlink at the top of the page:

Status : **Actively Following**

After selecting that the patient is 'Deceased', enter the date and cause of death, if known.

**It is important that the status of the patient is changed to 'Deceased' as this will end automatic and targeted PRO follow up.**

## REMINDER: HERNIA PROPHYLAXIS DATA COLLECTION

The ACHQC Registry allows for capture of hernia prophylaxis options including:

- procedures performed solely for prophylaxis (4:1 small bites technique, mesh suture, prophylactic mesh placement)
- procedures where a ventral hernia is being repaired and hernia prophylaxis methods are being used.

Please enter these cases into the Registry. For a step-by-step guide to data entry for hernia prophylaxis options please click the link below.

 [VIEW THE HERNIA PROPHYLAXIS DATA CAPTURE GUIDE](#)

# ACHQC + AMAZONSMILE

We are excited to announce that ACHQC is now a recognized charity on AmazonSmile! You can visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-4009654>, scan the QR code, or click the link below to choose ACHQC as your “favorite” charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of purchases to ACHQC at no cost to you! **Please consider signing up with ACHQC as your “favorite” organization and spread the word!**

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## COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: CALL FOR MEMBERS!

### ACHQC Development Committee

Founded in March 2022 at the QI Summit, the ACHQC Development Committee seeks to enhance the sustainability of the ACHQC. Chaired by Nicole White, MD and Micki Reinhorn, MD, the Committee aims to identify, explore, and cultivate philanthropic opportunities to support the Collaborative’s efforts to enhance patient care and improve abdominal core health.

We are seeking volunteers with passion, interest, and experience to help us develop and secure philanthropic and in-kind donations to bolster ACHQC’s financial capabilities to carry out our mission.

If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering on the committee, please contact [aileen@achqc.org](mailto:aileen@achqc.org).

This invitation is open to the public as well as any member of the ACHQC.

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### ACHQC Quality Improvement Committee

The mission of the ACHQC Quality Improvement Committee is to provide comprehensive, real-time ongoing assessment of improving quality within the Collaborative and identify annual quality improvement efforts to disseminate to ACHQC members. We are looking for additional members to join the committee. If you are interested in joining our efforts, please contact [aileen@achqc.org](mailto:aileen@achqc.org).

# QC CORE INSIGHTS

We are excited to announce that the new ACHQC “Core Insights” Lecture Series for 2022-2023 will be hosted by the ACHQC Resident/Fellow committee. This committee is composed of residents and fellows across the US and Canada who have an interest in complex hernia management. This group has developed a curriculum to focus on fundamental and advanced topics within the specialty of Abdominal Wall Reconstruction. Key landmark papers and current literature, including ACHQC-driven data for each topic will be discussed. Two to three high-quality articles have been selected for review and critical evaluation during each session. Content-experts who are faculty members of the ACHQC will moderate each session for an interactive, high-level, educational experience for all viewers. Each session will be recorded and posted on the ACHQC website for future viewing. We are excited for this opportunity to dive deeper into the advancing topics of Abdominal Wall Reconstruction with content-experts and would like to invite residents, fellows, and faculty members from programs across the country to join for these interactive sessions!

## Upcoming Schedule:

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2022 - 8:00PM ET**

VHR in the Contaminated Field and Approach to Mesh Infections

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2022 - 8:00PM ET**

VHR in the Co-morbid Patient: What are the Risks and How to Counsel Patients?

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2022 - 8:00PM ET**

Pre-operative Optimization for VHR

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 [VIEW SESSION MATERIALS](#)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2022 - 8:00PM ET**

Adjunctive Measures to Loss of Domain Hernias

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2022 - 8:00PM ET**

MIS VHR - Part 1: Laparoscopic Approaches and Data

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Visit the QC Core Insights homepage [HERE](#) for more information on each session.

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