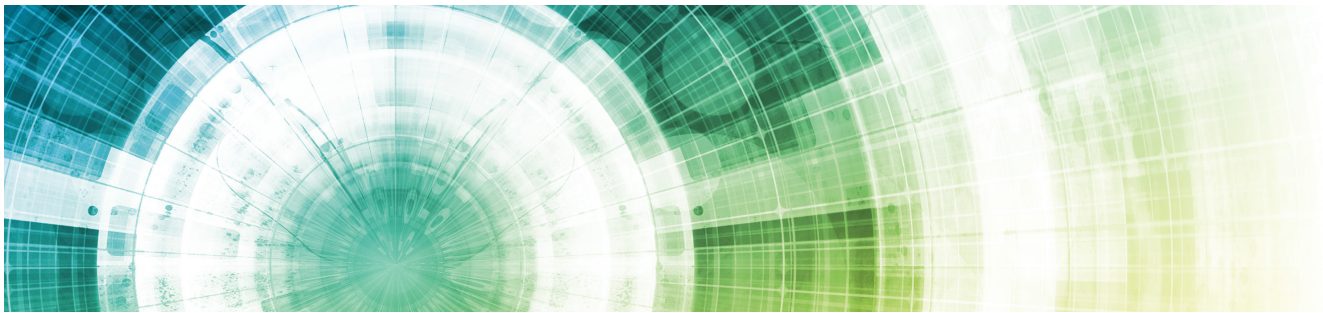


QC VISION

The Official Quarterly Newsletter of Abdominal Core Health Quality Collaborative



WHAT'S IN OUR LATEST ISSUE:

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ACHQC JOINS THE NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL

In June, 2021, the ACHQC was welcomed as a member of the National Health Council.

Created by and for patient organizations in 1920, the National Health Council (NHC) brings together diverse organizations to forge consensus and drive patient-centered health policy. The ACHQC joins over 140 member organizations including the nation's leading patient organizations and nonprofit health organizations.

The NHC seeks to identify and implement best practices for integrating the patient voice into the conduct of research and health care decision making. With the establishment of standards for the use of real world data for regulatory and clinical decision making, one of the areas of NHC focus is exploring the patient's needs, concerns and potential contribution to the use of real world evidence.

Through engaging with other healthcare leaders on a national level, our Collaborative expands our reach and gains access to a wealth of information, best practices and other resources to help us achieve our mission to maximize the quality and value of health care for patients suffering from hernia disease and diseases of the abdominal wall or abdominal core.

REGISTRY UPDATES

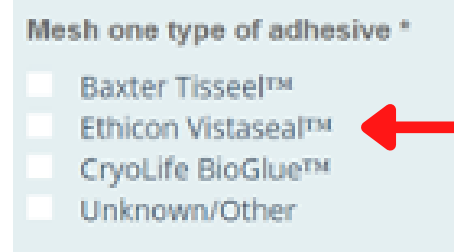
Product Additions & Updates (January - June 2021)

The following products have been added to the registry:

- Microlyte Matrix (Imbed Biosciences) for ventral wound closure techniques
- XARACOLL (bupivacaine HCl bioresorbable collagen implant) for Inguinal anesthesia type
- OviTex LPR (TELA Bio) mesh

The following product names have been updated:

- Ethicon Evicel to Ethicon Vistaseal

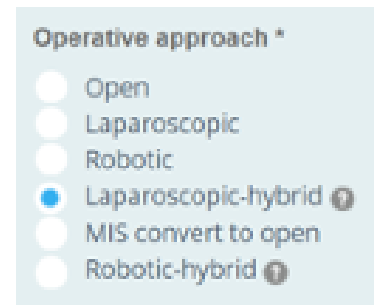


Clarification on Operative Approach

We have updated the operative approach to be less confusing in terms of laparoscopic, robotic, laparoscopic-hybrid, and robotic-hybrid operations. For precise information on which cases qualify as hybrid, please hover over the question mark in the user interface for more information.

Below summarizes the update:

<u>Former</u>	<u>Current Revised</u>
Open	Open (<i>no change</i>)
Laparoscopic	Laparoscopic (<i>no change</i>)
Robotic	Robotic (<i>no change</i>)
Laparoscopic-assisted	Laparoscopic-hybrid
MIS convert to open	MIS convert to open (<i>no change</i>)
Robotic-assisted	Robotic-hybrid



For specific details on which cases qualify as hybrid, hover over the question mark in the user interface.

UPDATED: 'ACHQC INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS' HANDOUTS

The 'ACHQC Information for Patients' handouts (English and Spanish) have recently been updated. All patients should be given the 'ACHQC Information for Patients' at their initial visit to help inform them of our efforts.

The updated English and Spanish versions are available to download by clicking the links below. Additionally, you can find the 'ACHQC Informations for Patients' handouts on our website under the 'Resources' tab and after logging in to the registry user interface by clicking the 'Resources' book icon.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We need your HELP! The QC grows through the increased engagement of current members, but also importantly through the inclusion of new surgeons.

The QC's greatest champions are our surgeons like you! Word of mouth and referrals are the best and most powerful tool to recruit new like-minded surgeons to our mission. In your community there are probably several other surgeons such as yourself who would like to support our mission. Please share the ACHQC membership flyer with those surgeons who you think may be interested in the QC and help us as a local advocate to bring them onboard.

 [DOWNLOAD MEMBERSHIP FLYER](#)

QC CORE INSIGHTS

QC Core Insights features talks on Hot Topics in Abdominal Core Surgery and review of recent publications, ACHQC quality initiatives and data analyses. Each QC Core Insights session will incorporate a 10-15 minute presentation by the author of the work followed by 2 invited discussants offering critical point/counter-point review and open membership discussion.

We encourage you to share this information and Zoom links with your residents, fellows, partners and other patient care team members as QC Core Insights is not limited to just ACHQC participants.

Upcoming Schedule:

MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2021 - 8:00PM ET

Core Health Spotlight: Pain Management Strategies

 [RSVP HERE](#)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021 - 8:00PM ET

Prophylactic Mesh

 [RSVP HERE](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2021 - 8:00PM ET

Core Rehabilitation & ACHQC Rehab Protocol

 [RSVP HERE](#)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2021 - 8:00PM ET

How I Do It: Robotic Technique Talk

 [RSVP HERE](#)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2021 - 8:00PM ET

Update on Embedded Registry Studies

 [RSVP HERE](#)

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

EMERITUS STATUS

In May, the ACHQC Board of Directors approved adding Emeritus Status as a new QC membership level for retiring surgeons or those stepping back from practice. Emeritus surgeon members would be able to view and use aggregated and de-identified data through the QC Dashboard and obtain analytical reports through our data request process. Additionally, Emeritus Status members are also be eligible to attend our annual Quality Improvement Summit.

COMMITTEE CORNER

Residents & Fellows Committee Announcements:

Congratulations to Colin DeLong, MD, the recipient of ACHQC's 2021 Resident/Fellow Research Grant. Dr. DeLong will be presenting his work on "Does Geographic Location of Hernia Patients Influence Access, Disparities, and Patient-Provider Communication in Current Hernia Care? An Abdominal Core Health Quality Collaborative (ACHQC) Analysis" during the 2022 ACHQC Quality Improvement Summit.



The 2022 Research Grant application window will open this Fall. All residents and fellows with a surgeon mentor in the ACHQC that is in 'Good Standing' are encouraged to apply. More details are available on our Residents & Fellows homepage [HERE](#).

SAVE THE DATE: 2022 QI SUMMIT

The 2022 ACHQC Quality Improvement Summit will be held **March 18th - 20th, 2022** in Denver, Colorado. We are excited to announce that the QI Summit will once again be in-person! More details will be announced as they become available. We hope to see you there!

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