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Abdominal Wall Reconstruction 2018

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“Absolutely wonderful meeting. It was my first time attending and I was very impressed. I left with a lot of great ideas that I can bring to my practice. Thank you!”

-- 2017 Attendee

ANNOUNCING THE 2018 MEDSTAR GEORGETOWN DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and AWR 2018 are pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2018 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Abdominal Wall Reconstruction is Dr. J. Jeekel from Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.



Dr. J. Jeekel, MD, PhD

Dr. Jeekel is internationally renowned for his work in hernia and abdominal surgery repair techniques and clinical trials. He is the Professor of Surgery at Erasmus University, and he also leads a project group focusing on music as medicine by performing large RCT's on the effect of music as a new treatment in healthcare. He has a large interest in supporting young investigators in producing scientific research on topics such as the most frequent complications of the abdominal surgeon like incisional hernia, anastomotic leakage and adhesions. In addition, he has contributed to over 500 international publications, and over 80 theses dedicated to the surgical field. Recent clinical trials focus on prevention.

Dr. Jeekel has received The Golden Science Medal of the National Society of Surgeons. He is also an honorary member of multiple medical societies including the Indian Laparoscopic Surgical Society, Austrian Surgical Society, German Surgical Society, Surgical Society of South Africa, Dutch Society of Surgeons, and is an honorary fellow of the American Surgical Association. In addition, he has also received the Knight of the Dutch Lion given by the Queen.

As shared by Dr. B. Todd Heniford (2014 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award recipient), *“He is the best surgical clinical trialist ever, with contributions to hundreds of publications which have advanced cancer care, improved the technique*

and understanding of intestinal anastomosis and leak, shortened post-surgical intestinal ileus, promoted hernia prevention with suture techniques and preventative mesh insertion, and dramatically improved our overall understanding of mesh-hernia repair. He is an amazing teacher, lecturer and friend. His contributions to surgery have improved the lives of millions of people around the world and have influenced every surgeon alive on the planet. No one deserves this award more. He is the best of us.”

Dr. Jeekel resides in Rotterdam with his wife and three children.

Past Award Recipients:

- 2017: Oscar M. Ramirez, MD
- 2016: Charles E. Butler, MD
- 2015: Brent D. Matthews, MD
- 2014: B. Todd Heniford, MD
- 2013: Adrian E. Park, MD
- 2012: Guy R. Voeller, MD
- 2011: Jean Bernard Flament, MD

Please join us in honoring him on Friday, June 8th during Session II.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital is pleased to invite you to submit an abstract for presentation at the Abdominal Wall Reconstruction 2018 conference. Abstracts for the poster session will be selected on the basis of their scientific merit and content quality. This is your chance to interact with surgeons, hernia and wound healing specialists, and to educate and expose your work to leaders in your field. Top abstracts will also be awarded and presented orally on Saturday, June 8th.

We invite you to participate by submitting a 250 word abstract, which should describe work with relevance to abdominal wall reconstruction.

Submit your abstract on our website www.AWRconference.com by March 16, 2018



THURSDAY, JUNE 7

4:00 PM Registration

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

6:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

SESSION I: GETTING STARTED WITH AWR

7:25 AM Welcome Remarks

Parag Bhanot, MD

7:30 AM Defining the Problem: What Makes AWR Complex

Jeffrey E. Janis, MD

7:50 AM Preoperative Preparation: Optimizing Patients for Better Outcomes

Vedra Augenstein, MD

8:10 AM "Real" Informed Consent: What Should the Patient Know

Adrian E. Park, MD

8:30 AM Economics of AWR: Predictors of Cost

J. Scott Roth, MD

8:50 AM Hernia Center Development: Putting the Pieces Together

B. Todd Heniford, MD

9:10 AM Introduction of Robotics into Your Practice: Being Responsible

Alfredo M. Carbonell, II, DO

9:30 AM Panel Discussion

Moderator: Parag Bhanot, MD

Panelists: V. Augenstein, A. Carbonell, B. Heniford, J. Janis, A. Park, J. Roth

9:45 AM Break and Visit the Exhibits

SESSION II: UPDATE ON REINFORCEMENT MATERIALS

10:10 AM Synthetic Mesh: Any Contraindications

Brent D. Matthews, MD

10:30 AM Biologics: Defining Appropriate Use

Charles E. Butler, MD

10:50 AM Bioabsorbables: Driven by Outcomes or Cost

J. Scott Roth, MD

11:10 AM Mesh Location: Making an Educated Choice

Guy Voeller, MD

11:30 AM Prophylactic Mesh Placement: Fantasy or Reality

William H. Hope, MD

11:50 AM Mesh Suture Repair: Outside the Box Thinking

Gregory A. Dumanian, MD

12:10 PM Panel Discussion

Moderator: Parag Bhanot, MD

Panelists: C. Butler, G. Dumanian, W. Hope, B. Matthews, J. Roth, G. Voeller

12:25 PM

2018 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Abdominal Wall Reconstruction

Presented by B. Todd Heniford, MD

Award recipient: J. Jeekel, MD, PhD

1:00 PM

Lunch and Visit the Exhibits

1:00 PM

Lunch Symposium I

This symposium is not certified for CE credit

SESSION III: COMPONENT SEPARATION

2:00 PM A Closer Look at The Anatomy: Tips to Avoid Complications

Jeffrey E. Janis, MD

2:20 PM

Anterior Component Separation: Perforator Sparing is the Rule

Charles E. Butler, MD

2:40 PM

Posterior Component Separation: TAR

Yuri W. Novitsky, MD

3:00 PM

Redo Component Separation: Is it Justified

B. Todd Heniford, MD

3:20 PM

Managing the Expected Complications

John P. Fischer, MD, MPH

3:40 PM

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Parag Bhanot, MD

Panelists: C. Butler, J. Fischer, B. Heniford, J. Janis, Y. Novitsky

3:55 PM

Break and Visit the Exhibits

SESSION IV: MINIMALLY INVASIVE APPROACH: LAPAROSCOPIC AND ROBOTIC PLATFORMS

4:20 PM

Midline Defect: Laparoscopic IPOM

Guy Voeller, MD

4:40 PM

Challenging Locations: Suprapubic and Subxiphoid

Brent D. Matthews, MD

5:00 PM

Parastomal Hernia: Sugarbaker Technique

Adrian E. Park, MD

5:20 PM

Robotics: IPOM

Ajita S. Prabhu, MD

5:40 PM

Robotics: Retrorectus

Alfredo M. Carbonell, II, DO

6:00 PM

Robotics: TAR

Yuri W. Novitsky, MD

6:20 PM

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Parag Bhanot, MD

Panelists: A. Carbonell, B. Matthews, Y. Novitsky, A. Park, A. Prabhu, G. Voeller

6:30 PM

Welcome Reception with Exhibitors



SATURDAY, JUNE 9

6:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:30 AM Cadaver Lab: Operate with the Masters

7:30 AM Poster Abstract Oral Presentations

9:00 AM Visit the Exhibits

SESSION V: PLASTIC SURGERY CONSIDERATIONS

9:30 AM **Panniculectomy: Worth the Effort**
Devinder Singh, MD

9:50 AM **Rectus Diastasis: Cosmesis vs. Functional Issue**
Gregory A. Dumanian, MD

10:10 AM **Flaps: When to Bring out the Big Guns**
Sarah R. Sher, MD

10:30 AM **Battling the Bulge after TRAM / DIEP Surgery**
Hani Sbitany, MD

10:50 AM **Botox: Is it a Game Changer**
B. Todd Heniford, MD

11:10 AM **Pearls of Wisdom: Little Things that Make a Big Difference**
Jeffrey E. Janis, MD

11:30 AM **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Parag Bhanot, MD
Panelists: G. Dumanian, B. Heniford, J. Janis, H. Sbitany, D. Singh, S. Sher

11:45 AM Lunch and Visit the Exhibits

11:45 AM **Lunch Symposium II**
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SESSION VI: CHALLENGING SCENARIOS

12:50 PM **AWR in the Acute Care Surgery Model**
Brent D. Matthews, MD

1:10 PM **Infected Mesh: Treatment Options Including Salvage**
B. Todd Heniford, MD

1:30 PM **Enterocutaneous Fistula and Hernia: Managing Priorities**
William H. Hope, MD

1:50 PM **Multiple Failed Repairs: Is Everyone Salvageable**
Vedra Augenstein, MD

2:10 PM **AWR in High-Risk Patients: Transplant, Cirrhosis, Oncology**
Gina L. Adrales, MD, MPH

2:30 PM **The Flank Hernia: Principles of a Durable Repair**
Gregory A. Dumanian, MD

2:50 PM **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Parag Bhanot, MD
Panelists: G. Adrales, V. Augenstein, G. Dumanian, B. Heniford, W. Hope, B. Matthews

3:05 PM Break and Visit the Exhibits

SESSION VII: SKIN AND SOFT TISSUE CONSIDERATIONS

3:40 PM **Incisional Negative Pressure Therapy: What's the Evidence**
Devinder Singh, MD

4:00 PM **Drain Management: Any Guidelines**
Jeffrey E. Janis, MD

4:20 PM **Delayed Closure: Underutilized or Unnecessary**
Vedra Augenstein, MD

4:40 PM **Optimal Management of Skin and Soft Tissue: General Principles**
Hani Sbitany, MD

5:00 PM **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Parag Bhanot, MD
Panelists: V. Augenstein, J. Janis, H. Sbitany, D. Singh

SESSION VIII: POSTOPERATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

5:20 PM **ERAS in AWR: Does it Work**
Brent D. Matthews, MD

5:40 PM **Coding and Billing: Maximizing Reimbursement Appropriately**
Vedra Augenstein, MD

6:00 PM **AHSQC: What Are We Learning from Large Scale Databases**
Gina L. Adrales, MD, MPH

6:20 PM **Quality of Life after AWR: A Better Endpoint**
John P. Fischer, MD, MPH

6:40 PM **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Parag Bhanot, MD
Panelists: G. Adrales, V. Augenstein, J. Fischer, B. Matthews

6:55 PM Closing Remarks

VENUE INFORMATION



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Reservation line:
888-421-1442

Hotel phone number:
202-582-1234



RESERVATIONS

Room Block Rate:

\$279 + applicable tax (14.8%)

Be sure to mention "Abdominal Wall Reconstruction" when making your room reservations.

Hotel Room Block Cutoff Date:

April 30, 2018

Additionally hotel arrangements
can be made online at:
www.awrconference.com/hotel-travel

Special Assistance

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REASONS TO ATTEND



- Full two-day (Friday- Saturday) education agenda with live lectures, presentations, panel discussions and interactive Q&A sessions.
- Learn from 19 nationally and internationally renowned faculty.
- Oral and Poster abstract presentations.
- Multiple morning and afternoon symposia.
- Gloves-on cadaver workshop with masters.
- Take advantage of the incomparable conference location blocks away from the White House, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Museums, and the National Mall, near Washington, DC's dynamic downtown dining and shopping.
- Stay minutes from Reagan National Airport (DCA) and easily utilize the Metro, which is accessible through the hotel lobby.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT INFORMATION



COURSE DESCRIPTION

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's **10th Annual Abdominal Wall Reconstruction (AWR)** conference is a comprehensive two-day symposium focusing on all aspects of abdominal wall reconstruction through didactic lectures with video education, case presentations, symposia, and a hands-on cadaver lab with the faculty. The expert internationally-renowned faculty are a diverse group chosen from the disciplines of general and plastic surgery, based upon their ongoing contributions to the field. The extensive agenda will provide an interactive environment for attendees to receive an in-depth understanding of the complexity of abdominal wall reconstruction and is appropriate for general surgeons, plastic surgeons, and trauma surgeons.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify why preoperative preparation is necessary for optimizing patient outcomes.
- Compare and contrast biologic and synthetic mesh.
- Utilize advanced laparoscopic techniques for optimal patient outcomes.
- Reduce the incidence of surgical site infections.
- Implement the robotic platform for hernia repair.
- Identify the indications for biologic, synthetic, bioabsorbable mesh.
- Utilize advanced abdominal wall reconstruction techniques to improve patient outcomes.
- Recognize the value of plastic surgery techniques for advanced abdominal wall reconstruction.
- Manage entero-cutaneous fistulas in the setting of a hernia.
- Implement appropriate treatment options for infected abdominal wall mesh.
- Recognize the optimal management of skin and soft tissue during hernia repair.
- Implement enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) after hernia repair.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This conference is designed to be a multidisciplinary program and is intended for a wide range of medical practitioners who are interested in the latest information regarding the treatment of abdominal wall reconstruction. The program is purposely targeted towards general, plastic and trauma surgeons, wound care specialists, residents, fellows, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, nurses, and other members of the healthcare team interested in abdominal wall reconstruction.

ACCREDITATION



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CREDIT DESIGNATION



IPCE CREDIT™

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 16.5 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

“I’ve been to the conference every year since its inception, and always find the presenters to be outstanding and the discussions between lectures informative.”

-- 2017 Attendee

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEES

		Early Bird Rate Now through February 2	February 3 through June 6	On-Site
Physician		\$550	\$625	\$725
Resident/Fellow		\$300	\$375	\$475
Advanced Practice Clinician		\$400	\$475	\$575
Nurse		\$400	\$475	\$575
Allied Health Professional		\$400	\$475	\$575
Industry Professional		\$875	\$875	\$875
Reception Guest		\$50	\$50	\$50
Add On	Cadaver Lab	\$195	\$195	\$195

ONLINE REGISTRATION PREFERRED

Please visit our secure website at www.AWRconference.com for updated program and registration information. We are unable to accept registrations or cancellations by telephone. If you wish to pay your registration fee by check, please download and print a registration form and mail it to the address on the registration form with your check.

All registrations will be confirmed by email only. Please use an email address that you check regularly. If you have questions regarding registration or do not receive an email confirmation of your registration within 1-2 business days, please contact us at MedStarAWR@gmail.com or 202-780-1655.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations made in writing by May 1, 2018 will be subject to a 50% penalty. No refunds will be given May 1, 2018. Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone. In the unlikely event that the course is cancelled, MedStar Health will refund the registration fee, but is not responsible for any travel costs. Please note registration fees are non-transferable.

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