



Joint Meeting: February 23-25, 2017

North & South Texas American College of Surgeons

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TEXAS ACS PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

Hernia Course Workshop

Thursday, February 23, 2017

11:00am-4:00pm

Registration Opens at 10:30am

Clinical Education Center at Brackenridge

1400 North IH-35

First Floor, C1.424

Austin, Texas

Hernias are among the most common pathology encountered by the general surgeon. Surgeons have reported the desire for greater and improved education citing deficits in their own knowledge base in the management and treatment of patients with hernias. (1,2) The Joint Texas ACS meeting will host a ventral hernia lab integrating an interactive teaching style including audience participation and voting, debate format discussion among experts of topics with substantial treatment variations, and a cadaver lab to practice new techniques and refine pre-existing skills.

Hernia experts from throughout Texas will be on-hand to share their opinions, debate the evidence, and demonstrate operative technique. Topics will include optimal approach, technique, and material for ventral hernia repair; pre-operative and post-operative management; and prevention of hernias and complications. New and exciting technologies will be highlighted, introduced to surgeons with the opportunity for a hands-on trial.

Integration of novel technology from industry, experts, and the general surgeon under one forum will give the opportunity for industry to showcase and highlight their strengths and allow surgeons to directly compare and contrast technologies.

1. Park AE, Zahiri HR, Pugh CM, Vassiliou M, Voeller G. Raising the quality of hernia care: Is there a need? *Surg Endosc.* 2015 Aug;29(8):2061-71. doi: 10.1007/s00464-015-4309-4. PubMed PMID: 26123329.
2. Zahiri HR, Park AE, Pugh CM, Vassiliou M, Voeller G. "See one, do one, teach one": inadequacies of current methods to train surgeons in hernia repair. *Surg Endosc.* 2015 Oct;29(10):2867-72. doi: 10.1007/s00464-015-4411-7. PubMed PMID:26198155.

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Hernia Course Pre-Meeting Workshop \$10,000

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