COURSE DESCRIPTION
The purpose of the educational event is to facilitate discussion on successful solutions for managing laparoscopic ventral and inguinal hernia repair along with complex abdominal wall repair. Surgeons will gain a better understanding of the proper use of Ventralight™ ST Mesh w/Echo PS™, 3DMax™ Mesh, OptiFix™, CapSure™, Phasix™ Mesh & XenMatrix™ AB Mesh. Discussion will include review of preclinical and clinical data, science and technology of products, economics of abdominal wall reconstruction (AWR), and various techniques for repairing a variety of hernias. Surgeons will also have an opportunity to participate in a hands-on cadaver lab under the direct supervision of faculty.

INTENDED AUDIENCE
An interactive symposium designed for general and trauma surgeons involved in complex abdominal wall reconstruction

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
- Review current literature for hernia repair techniques, materials, and patient management strategies
- Gain new insights into advanced surgical techniques for complex abdominal wall repair
- Demonstrate use of Bard products in hernia repair

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**AGENDA**

**Thursday, August 24, 2017 (6:30 PM –10:00 PM)**

**Welcome Dinner and Didactic Presentations**
- David Iannitti, MD, FACS
- Kent Kercher, MD, FACS
- Timothy Kuwada, MD, FACS

**Friday, August 25, 2017 (6:20 AM –3:30 PM)**

**Breakfast & Live Case Observation**
Kent Kercher, MD, FACS & Timothy Kuwada, MD, FACS

**Lunch & Presentations**
Debbie Tripodi, Director, Health Economics, C. R. Bard
- The Hernia Market: A 10,000 Foot Perspective
David Iannitti, MD, FACS
- Video Session - Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction

**Bioskills Lab**
- Techniques: TEP, TAPP, CAWR

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

The Carolinas Medical Center Symposium offers a comprehensive curriculum that examines the full gamut of hernia repair while incorporating a variety of teaching modalities and learning styles. The program begins with an evening of faculty sharing expert opinions. This in-depth review will provide thoughtful insight into the utilization of mesh materials for various procedures and a thorough review of the current hernia literature focused on improving patient outcomes. The morning events will be moderated by Dr. Iannitti and will highlight both live cases and a video session. The format is designed to be completely interactive giving the participant direct visibility and immediate feedback on best practices.

The program will conclude with a hands on cadaver lab. Two faculty members will lead off the lab with a demonstration of TAPP & TEP inguinal hernia repair and review of the inguinal anatomy. Once the demonstration is complete, each participant will transfer to an available station. Each station will be assigned a station proctor to help guide the learning process and review best practices. Each station will perform a TAPP inguinal hernia repair with mechanical fixation and head back over to the demo station once complete. Two faculty members will then perform a TAR, ACS, and Endoscopic CS. Once the demonstration is complete, each participant will transfer back to their previous station and perform AWR.

After attending this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the current hernia market and how to leverage your knowledge to influence the value analysis process
- Describe when and how to perform laparoscopic ventral and inguinal hernia repair
- Describe when and how to perform advanced reconstructive techniques for complex abdominal wall reconstruction
- Gain an in depth understanding of the prosthetic materials available for ventral and inguinal hernia repair
- Appreciate the significance of data collection and knowing your data