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# Abdominal Wall Reconstruction 2020

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### Physician Learning Objectives

- Identify why preoperative preparation is necessary for optimizing patient outcomes
- Identify the indications for biologic, synthetic, bioabsorbable mesh
- Utilize patient optimization to reduce the incidence of surgical site occurrences
- Utilize advanced abdominal wall reconstruction techniques to improve patient outcomes
- Utilize advanced laparoscopic techniques for optimal 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
- Recognize the value of Botulinum Toxin A (BTA) in large hernia defects
- Evaluate and manage the common complications after component separation procedure
- Implement surgical approach for unique patient populations (oncology, transplant, child bearing age)

### Nurse Learning Objectives

- Implement strategies to manage complex wounds in the outpatient setting
- Establishing a collaborative team approach with surgeons as part of the hernia center

## 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's assistants, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, nurses, and other allied health professionals interested in abdominal wall reconstruction.



## ACCREDITATION



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In support of improving patient care, MedStar Health is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

## CREDIT DESIGNATION



IPCE CREDIT™

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 15.25 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

#### SESSION I | Introduction to AWR

Afternoon Symposium\*

#### SESSION II | Updates on Reinforcement Materials and Imaging

Welcome Reception with Exhibitors\*

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Breakfast Symposium\*

#### SESSION III | Concepts of the Component Separation Technique

#### SESSION IV | Management of Common Complications

2020 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Abdominal Wall Reconstruction

Lunch Symposium\*

#### SESSION V | Advanced Concepts I

#### SESSION VI | Advanced Concepts II

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Breakfast Symposium\*

Operate with the Masters: Hands-On Cadaver Lab\*

Poster Abstract Oral Presentations\*

#### SESSION VII | Future Directions in AWR

## COURSE DESCRIPTION



MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's 12th Annual Abdominal Wall Reconstruction (AWR) Conference is a comprehensive three-day symposium that provides an in-depth understanding of the complexities of AWR. The purpose of this highly interactive meeting is to offer an evidence-based discussion on all aspects of AWR through didactic lectures with video education and case presentations to address the growing rate of hernia repairs and updates in technology and procedures. Currently, there are approximately 350,000 ventral hernia repairs performed annually in the United States and the patient population continues to be increasingly complex with significant co-morbidities. Thus, there is a significant complication rate including surgical site morbidity, readmission, and recurrence. The course is comprised of internationally renowned faculty that are a diverse group of experts chosen from the disciplines of general and plastic surgery, based upon their ongoing contributions to the field of abdominal wall reconstruction. The individual sessions will focus on patient selection and optimization, selection of surgical approach and reinforcement material, technical aspects of open and minimally invasive surgery, and management of complications. Attendees will be given much of the knowledge required to have a successful AWR practice.

\*Indicates a non-CE accredited activity

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

	EARLY BIRD RATE Now through February 21	February 22 through June 3	On-Site
Physician	\$595	\$675	\$750
Resident or Fellow	\$350	\$425	\$525
Physician Assistant	\$450	\$525	\$625
Nurse Practitioner/Nurse	\$450	\$525	\$625
Allied Health Professional	\$450	\$525	\$625
MedStar Associate	\$100	\$100	\$100
Industry Professional	\$600	\$950	\$950
Add On			
Reception Guest	\$50	\$50	\$50
Cadaver Lab	\$300	\$325	\$350

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Please visit our website at [www.awrconference.com](http://www.awrconference.com) for updated program and registration information. We are unable to accept registrations 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.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations made in writing by **April 24, 2020** will be subject to a 50% penalty. No refunds will be given after this date. Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone. In the unlikely event that the course is canceled, MedStar Health will refund the registration fee, but is not responsible for any travel costs. Please note registration fees are non-transferable.

**PLEASE CALL 202-780-1655 OR EMAIL [MEDSTARAWR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MEDSTARAWR@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

## VENUE INFORMATION



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### RESERVATIONS

Room Block Rate: \$229 + tax

Be sure to mention "Abdominal Wall Reconstruction" when making your room reservations. **Hotel Room Block Cutoff Date: May 8, 2020**



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Register early to secure your attendance at AWR 2020. Register by January 31<sup>st</sup> to receive an additional \$20 off of Early Bird Registration fees with promotion code **AWRNY**.

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