

13TH ANNUAL

# HERNIA SURGERY SUMMIT



**February 13-15, 2023**

The Hythe | Vail, CO



**COURSE DIRECTOR**  
Yuri W. Novitsky, MD, FACS



Presented by: Columbia Comprehensive Hernia Center

Register today at  
[HerniaSummit.com](https://HerniaSummit.com)

MANAGED AND ACCREDITED BY  
 **CineMed**

# Meeting Information



## PLEASE JOIN US IN VAIL, COLORADO

for the 13th Annual Hernia Surgery Summit, a premier event for hernia surgery education. Presented by Columbia Comprehensive Hernia Center and hosted by CineMed, Inc., this meeting always delivers exciting, thought-provoking discussions from the perspective of world-renowned hernia experts.

Surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants choose to attend year after year because they know they are getting access to key opinion leaders sharing case studies, tips and tricks from their own surgical technique, and delivering a comfortable balance of both controversy and consensus in surgical approach.



## OVERVIEW

The reconstruction of abdominal wall defects remains one of the most challenging dilemmas facing surgeons. Congenital, acquired or post traumatic defects all present unique challenges to the reconstructive surgeon. A multitude of surgical techniques and mesh materials is available to improve outcomes in ventral hernia repair. Robotics has become a major component for both routine and complex inguinal and ventral hernia repairs. Even though ventral hernia repair remains one of the most common procedures performed, there is little consensus as to the best surgical technique, prosthetic material of choice, or strategies to repair complex defects.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

This comprehensive and highly interactive reconstructive Summit is suited for all surgeons involved in abdominal wall reconstruction including general, plastic, and trauma surgeons, and residents involved in both routine and complex abdominal reconstructions.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

During the Summit, you will be exposed to all aspects of Hernia Surgery including:

- Minimally invasive hernia repairs
- Robotic hernia repairs
- Complex open abdominal wall reconstruction techniques
  - Open (traditional) component separation
  - Laparoscopic and periumbilical sparing component separation
  - Posterior component separation and transversus abdominis release (TAR)
  - Laparoscopic and Robotic Totally Extraperitoneal Retromuscular repairs
- Parastomal and other difficult hernia repairs
- Reconstructions in setting infection, contamination, enterocutaneous fistulas, loss of abdominal domain
- Umbilical and inguinal hernia repairs
- Comprehensive review of groin repairs and groin pain management
- Plastic surgery considerations for difficult soft tissue scenarios



## COURSE DIRECTOR

### Yuri Novitsky, MD, FACS

Professor of Surgery  
Director, Columbia Hernia Center  
Chief, Division of Abdominal Wall Surgery  
Department of Surgery  
New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center  
New York, NY



## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

### SESSION 1

#### Presenters:

Conrad Ballecer, MD, FACS  
Igor Belyansky, MD, FACS  
Jorge Daes, MD, FACS  
Antonio Espinosa de los Monteros, MD  
Philip George, MD  
Yuri Novitsky, MD, FACS  
Sean Orenstein, MD, FACS  
Andrea Pakula, MD, MPH, FACS  
Eric M. Pauli, MD, FACS, FASGE  
Dina Podolsky, MD

#### Topics:

Finding Hernia: Understanding Abdominal Wall Imaging  
Laparoscopic and Robotic IPOM  
Robotic Pre-Peritoneal Repair (rTAPP)  
Robotic Transabdominal Rectrorectus (rTA-RR) Repair  
Extraperitoneal Spaces and eTEP Access  
Robotic eTEP Retrorectus Repair  
Laparoscopic Subcutaneous Onlay Repair  
Diastasis Recti and Panniculectomy  
Surgery in Women of Childbearing Age

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

### SESSION 2

#### Presenters:

Igor Belyansky, MD, FACS  
Antonio Espinosa de los Monteros, MD  
John P. Fisher, MD, MPH, FACS  
Agneta Montgomery, MD  
Yuri Novitsky, MD, FACS  
Sean Orenstein, MD, FACS  
Eduardo Parra Davila, MD, FACS, FASCRS  
Miguel Urena, MD

#### Topics:

Get Ready for AWR: Preop Optimization Steps You Must Take to Optimize Outcomes  
Open Anterior Component Separation  
Robotic Anterior Component Separation  
Peritoneal Flap Hernioplasty  
Madrid Posterior Component Separation  
Open Posterior Component Separation – TAR  
Robotic TAR  
The Use of Botulinum Toxin Injections in Abdominal Wall Surgery  
Open Flank Hernia Repair  
Robot-Assisted Flank Repairs

### SESSION 3

#### Presenters:

Vedra A. Augenstein, MD, FACS  
Conrad Ballecer, MD, FACS  
Igor Belyansky, MD, FACS  
Jorge Daes, MD, FACS  
Antonio Espinosa de los Monteros, MD  
John P. Fisher, MD, MPH, FACS

Brian Jacob, MD, FACS  
Agneta Montgomery, MD  
Yuri Novitsky, MD, FACS  
Sean Orenstein, MD, FACS  
Eduardo Parra Davila, MD, FACS, FASCRS  
Eric M. Pauli, MD, FACS, FASGE  
Dina Podolsky, MD  
Miguel Urena, MD

#### Topics:

Mesh Review: Where are we in 2023?  
How Can Internet and Social-Media Help Me and My Practice?  
Morbidity and Mortality: My Own Complications

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

### SESSION 4

#### Presenters:

Igor Belyansky, MD, FACS  
L. Michael Brunt, MD  
David Chen, MD, FACS  
Jorge Daes, MD, FACS  
Edward Felix, MD  
Philip George, MD  
Brian Jacob, MD, FACS  
Yuri Novitsky, MD, FACS  
Dina Podolsky, MD

#### Topics:

Groin Exam: A to Z  
In-Office Ultrasound for Groin Surgeons  
Tissue Repairs  
Shouldice Repair  
Lichtenstein Repair  
Posterior Anatomy of the Groin and Robotic TAPP  
Inguinal Repair  
Laparoscopic TEP Inguinal Repair  
Laparoscopic eTEP Inguinal Repair  
Robotics for Challenging Groin Scenarios  
Groin Pain After Surgery: Practical Guide to Diagnosis and Management  
Athletic Pubalgia: My Management Strategies

### SESSION 5

#### Presenters:

Vedra A. Augenstein, MD, FACS  
John P. Fisher, MD, MPH, FACS  
Agneta Montgomery, MD  
Yuri Novitsky, MD, FACS  
Andrea Pakula, MD, MPH, FACS  
Eric M. Pauli, MD, FACS, FASGE

#### Topics:

My Approach to Hernia Patient with ECF  
Minimally-Invasive Parastomal Repair  
LoPa Parastomal Repair  
Open Parastomal Hernia Repair  
Hernia Repair on Call  
Plastic Surgeon's Perspective on Soft Tissue Challenges in AWR  
Stump The Professor Panel

# Hotel, Travel and Registration



## HOTEL

### The Hythe

715 West Lionshead Circle  
Vail, Colorado 81657-5070  
970-476-4444

## HOTEL ROOM RATE

Room Rate: \$379. Please check the Hernia Summit website for complete details.

## ROOM BLOCK AVAILABILITY

Book early! Limited rooms available. Block rate in effect from February 11-17, 2023, based on space and rate availability. Room rate discount expires January 13, 2023. Mention "Hernia Surgery Summit" when you book.



## HOTEL ROOM CANCELLATION POLICY

All reservation requests will require a credit card guarantee. Full, non-refundable amount of the anticipated revenue for the entire stay (room and tax) will be billed to the individual credit card on the reservation due date of January 13, 2023. Personal checks, money orders, or valid major credit card will be needed for the deposit. If reservation is canceled after the Reservation Due Date, individual will forfeit the deposit for all nights reserved.

## REGISTRATION FEES\*

	Now – 11/1/2022	11/2/22 – Onsite
MD/DO	\$749	\$849
PA/NP	\$550	\$600
Student/Resident (proof required)	\$350	\$400
Corporate	\$1,250	\$1,500

\*Full Registration Includes: Admission to scientific sessions, access to the Exhibit Hall, admission to the Welcome Reception, all conference meals and breaks.

## ACCREDITATION

In support of improving patient care, CineMed 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.



JOINTLY ACCREDITED PROVIDER™  
INTERPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Physicians

CineMed designates this live activity for a maximum of 19.5 AMA PRA Category 1

Credits™. Physicians should only claim the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### Nurses/Physician Assistants

All other healthcare professionals will receive a Certificate of Participation. For information on the applicability and acceptance of Certificates of Participation for activities designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™, consult your professional licensing board(s).

### Self-Assessment Credit

This activity is valid for up to 19.5 Self-Assessment Credits toward Part 2 of the ABS MOC Program.

Register at [HerniaSummit.com](https://HerniaSummit.com)



# Faculty



## **Vedra A. Augenstein, MD, FACS**

Associate Professor of Surgery  
Carolinas Medical Center  
Charlotte, NC

## **Conrad Ballecer, MD, FACS**

Co-Director, Center for Minimally Invasive  
and Robotic Surgery  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
Maricopa Integrated Health System  
Phoenix, AZ

## **Igor Belyansky, MD, FACS**

Director of Abdominal Wall Reconstruction  
Program  
Chief of General Surgery  
Anne Arundel Medical Center  
Annapolis, MD

## **L. Michael Brunt, MD**

Pruett Professor of Surgery and  
Section Chief of Minimally Invasive Surgery  
Washington University School of Medicine  
St. Louis, MO

## **David Chen, MD, FACS**

Professor of Clinical Surgery  
Director Lichtenstein-Amid Hernia Clinic  
Section of Minimally Invasive Surgery  
UCLA Division of General Surgery  
Santa Monica, CA

## **Jorge Daes, MD, FACS**

Academic Director, Minimally Invasive  
Surgery  
Clinica Portoazul  
Barranquilla, Colombia

## **Antonio Espinosa de los Monteros, MD**

Plastic, Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgeon  
Chief of the Department of Plastic Surgery  
National Institute of Medical Sciences and  
Nutrition  
Mexico City  
Mexico

## **Edward Felix, MD**

Senior Surgeon and Consultant  
Santa Maria, CA

## **John P. Fisher, MD, MPH, FACS**

Associate Professor of Surgery  
The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
The Presbyterian Medical Center  
of Philadelphia  
Philadelphia, PA

## **Philip George, MD**

Assistant Professor of Surgery  
Columbia University  
Division of Abdominal Wall Surgery  
Department of Surgery  
Columbia University  
New York, NY

## **Brian Jacob, MD, FACS**

Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
New York, NY

## **Agneta Montgomery, MD**

Senior Consultant  
Department of Surgery  
Skane University Hospital  
Malmo, Sweden

## **Sean Orenstein, MD, FACS**

Associate Professor of Surgery  
Division of Gastrointestinal and  
General Surgery  
OHSU School of Medicine  
Portland, OR

## **Andrea Pakula, MD, MPH, FACS**

Medical Director of Robotic Surgery  
Adventist Health Simi Valley Hospital  
Simi Valley, CA

## **Eduardo Parra Davila, MD, FACS, FASCRS**

Director of Minimally Invasive and  
Colorectal Surgery  
Director of Hernia and Abdominal Wall  
Reconstruction  
Florida Hospital Celebration Health  
Celebration, FL

## **Eric M. Pauli, MD, FACS, FASGE**

David L. Nahrwold Professor of Surgery  
Director of Endoscopic Surgery  
Chief, Division of Minimally Invasive and  
Bariatric Surgery  
Penn State Hershey Medical Center  
Hershey, PA

## **Dina Podolsky, MD**

Assistant Professor of Surgery  
Co-Director  
Columbia Hernia Center  
Division of Abdominal Wall Surgery  
Department of Surgery  
New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University  
Irving Medical Center  
New York, NY

## **Miguel Urena, MD**

Head of Surgical Department  
University Francisco de Vitoria  
Madrid, Spain