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ABDOMINAL WALL SOLUTIONS

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Latest developments in AWR surgery

Scientific Symposium

25. - 26. September 2025

Cologne
Germany

Thursday, 25. September 2025

17:00 **Gereon Lill** (*Cologne, Germany*)
Welcome

Surgery in the 21st Century

Moderation

Barbora East & Bob Bloemendaal

- 17:15 **Barbora East** (*Prague, Czech Republic*)
Women in Surgery - are we there yet?
- 17:30 **N.N.**
AI in medicine
- 17:45 **N.N.**
The golden age? Setting realistic expectations for robotic surgery
- 18:00 **Pat Walker** (*Maryland, USA*)
Surgery in an age of fragility: How war influences surgery
- 18:15 **Sophie Heisler & Felix Rühlmann** (*Brandenburg/Karlsruhe, Germany*)
How podcasts are reshaping surgical education
- 18:30 **all**
Discussion: Where are we heading?

Dinner

19:00 Join us for the dinner and network with your colleagues

Friday, 26. September 2025

08:30 **Dietmar Eucker** (*Basel, Switzerland*)
Welcome & Introduction

08:40 **Todd Henniford** (*Chicago, USA*)
Keynote: Quo Vadis Hernia Surgery?

Future challenges for AWR Surgery

Moderation

Jan F. Kukleta & René H. Fortelny

09:10 **Martijn Möllers** (*Dokkum, Netherlands*)
Can we improve communication amongst clinicians?

09:22 **Eva Barbosa** (*Porto, Portugal*)
Embarking on a new path: When the standard playbook falls short

09:34 **Ramana Balasubramaniam** (*Shepparton, Australia*)
Going abroad: New country, same challenges?

09:46 **Knut Borch** (*Harstad, Norway*)
How do we shape the future hernia specialist?

09:58 **all**
Discussion

Complex Hernias

Moderation

Ferdinand Köckerling & N.N.

- 10:18 **Srinivas Chintapatla** (*York, UK*)
Prehab over rehab: Why preparation beats complication
- 10:30 **Jan-Paul van Wingerden** (*Rotterdam, Netherlands*)
The unsung hero of core stability: Time to respect the transversus
- 10:42 **Mads Marckmann** (*Copenhagen, Denmark*)
Does size really matter? How much mesh overlap is enough?
- 10:54 **Bob Bloemendaal** (*Delft, Netherlands*)
Do we know abdominal wall tension? The MINT concept explained
- 11:06 **Guido Woeste** (*Darmstadt, Germany*)
Chasing the golden standard of AWR?
- 11:18 **all**
Discussion

The Role of IFT in different Approaches

Moderation

Henning Niebuhr & N.N.

- 12:00 **Miguel Angel García Ureña** (*Madrid, Spain*)
Madrid Variation of the TAR
- 12:15 **Björn Mück** (*Kempten, Germany*)
Robotic Rives-Stoppa
- 12:30 **Tomáš Paseka** (*Brno, Czech Republic*)
Laparoscopic eTEP
- 12:45 **N.N.**
Open Rives-Stoppa
- 13:00 **all**
Discussion

Lunch Break

13:15 Enjoy our selection from the buffet (30 min break)

Open Abdomen

Moderation

Arnulf Willms & Nihad Sardoschau

- 13:45 **Dominic Slade** (*Manchester, UK*)
Reality check: The UK National Open Abdomen Audit (NOAA)
- 13:57 **Luigi Brugnano** (*Locri, Italy*)
Surprising clinical effects of VMMFT in OA
- 14:09 **Giuseppe Paolo Pirozzi** (*Brilon, Germany*)
Rocket science? How to implement VMMFT in OA
- 14:21 **Sebastian Schaaf** (*Koblenz, Germany*)
Vertical vs horizontal traction: What registry data reveals
- 14:33 **Federico Coccolini** (*Pisa, Italy*)
That escalated quickly: Why intraabdominal hypertension needs treatment
- 14:45 **Ana María González Castillo** (*Cerdanyola del Vallès, Spain*)
following soon
- 14:57 **all**
Discussion

Closing

- 15:15 Summary & closure of the symposium
- 15:30 End of symposium