

# Mobile Infirmary Quarterly Medical Staff Meeting

**Target Audience:** This quarterly series is designed for medical staff of Mobile Infirmary.

**Global Objective:** To provide medical staff physicians of Mobile Infirmary with clinical and non-clinical information on current trends and issues in medical practice and administration. Physicians attending will be able to apply relevant information to their daily practice to aid patient population healthcare improvements.

## Robotic Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Workshop Next Iteration of Hernia Repair

### Date & Time

**Monday, March 17, 2025**

**6-7p – educational lecture**

*(brief business meeting held prior to lecture)*

### **LOCATION:**

**Ground floor auditorium**

**–OR– via Zoom**

The zoom link will be emailed to medical staff in a calendar invite. If link is not received prior to **March 17, 2025**, please contact Kira Delburn at 251-435-7921.

### Objectives

- Recall the evolution of hernia repair
- Compare primary vs. mesh and biologic vs. synthetic
- Explain steps in abdominal wall reconstruction (AWR)
- Describe benefits of a robotic vs. open AWR

### Speaker



**Dennis Fernandez, MD, FACS**

*General Surgeon*

North Alabama Medical Center

Florence, AL

Shoals Hospital,

Muscle Shoals, AL

***Identified Need:*** *Hernias can cause swelling and pain that worsen with exertion. Surgery may be recommended if there is a high risk of related complications. Hernias causing discomfort or interfering with daily activities may require repair. Surgery may be necessary if the hernia is growing larger. Some hernias are more likely to incarcerate or strangulate, and surgery may be needed to prevent this.*

### **Disclosures:**

**Speaker,** Dr. Dennis Fernandez discloses financial relationships as consultant with Becton Dickinson & Co. and Intuitive; these relationships have been mitigated. **Course Director,** Dr. Wendell Erdman has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose. **As planners,** disclosures of the Medical Education Committee have been reviewed; no relevant relationships exist pertaining to this live activity with ineligible companies whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

### **Designation Statement:**

The Mobile Infirmary designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### **Accreditation Statement:**

The Mobile Infirmary is accredited by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama to provide continuing medical education for physicians.



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