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Allergan Medical Institute™ (AMI) cordially invites you to our upcoming:

**Optimizing Surgical Outcomes in Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction in the Veterans Affairs and Military Setting Webcast Series**

You are cordially invited to attend a Webcast Series on select topics in Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction with:

**Robert Martindale, MD, PhD**  
Professor of Surgery  
Medical Director for Hospital Nutrition Services  
Oregon Health & Science University

Dr. Robert Martindale joined OHSU in May 2005. He is currently Professor of Surgery and served as head of the Division of General Surgery from 2005–2019. He also serves as the Medical Director for Hospital Nutrition Services. He is board certified in General Surgery with special clinical interest in abdominal wall reconstruction and surgical nutrition and metabolism.

Dr. Martindale completed his medical training at George Washington University in Washington DC and his surgical residency at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA. He obtained his PhD in Nutrition at UCLA, in the laboratories of Drs. Morton Grossman, Tachi Yamada, and Seymour Levin at the Center for Ulcer Research and Education.
Upon completion of his military obligation, Dr. Martindale joined the faculty at the Medical College of Georgia, where he held many distinguished positions, including Chief of the General Surgery Service at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, Director of Nutrition Support Service at the Medical College of Georgia, and Chief of the Section of Gastrointestinal Surgery at the Medical College of Georgia. While at the Medical College of Georgia, Dr. Martindale also served as the Surgical Residency Program Director.

Dr. Martindale’s primary focus throughout his professional career has been in surgical education and patient care in surgery and nutrition. He has won numerous teaching awards and continues to publish and mentor young physicians and investigators. In addition to being the co-editor of a textbook dealing with surgical and critical care nutrition, he is the author of well over 200 publications, including peer reviewed articles, review articles, chapters, and several medical educational videos.

Dr. Casey Thomas grew up in Michigan, completed his undergraduate studies at Western Michigan University, medical school at Michigan State University, and his surgical residency at Mount Clemens General Hospital near Detroit. He moved to Baltimore in 2005 for his fellowship in Trauma and Critical Care at The University of Maryland, Shock Trauma Center. Dr. Thomas is double-board certified in general surgery and surgical critical care and has practiced as an academic trauma and emergency general surgeon since 2006. During his career he has established 2 separate national referral clinics for complex abdominal wall surgery, one in Detroit and one in Chicago.

Dr. Thomas is currently the senior partner in Salt Lake Surgical Services, a private practice group specializing in Acute Care Surgery. In this group he focuses on re-operative surgery, complex abdominal wall defects, infected mesh issues, and enterocutaneous fistulas. Dr. Thomas gained experience handling these difficult cases from spending over a dozen years practicing as an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and Loyola University in Chicago, specializing in complicated abdominal surgery patients.

Dr. Thomas has published many peer-reviewed studies and book chapters on various topics including abdominal wall reconstruction, negative pressure wound therapy,
and trauma management. He has been an invited lecturer at dozens of national and international meetings. Today, Dr. Thomas’ main professional interests are in the area of the complex hernia patient, improving outcomes, surgical nutrition, decreasing complications, and evidence-based lean surgical protocols.

### Webcast Program Dates

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<td>Thursday, August 20 6:00 PM ET/3:00 PM PT</td>
<td>Pre-, Peri-, and Postoperative Optimization—The “Musts”</td>
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| Thursday, September 17 6:00 PM ET/3:00 PM PT | Evolution of Technique: Effective Strategies in Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction | • External Oblique Release  
• Retro-rectus repair  
• Transversus Abdominis Release  
• When to choose which surgical technique  
• Putting it all together – How do I mitigate the risk of failure? |
| Thursday, October 15 6:00 PM ET/3:00 PM PT | Hernia Repair and Surgical Mesh—What You Need to Know        | • Review of the data, efficacy, and outcomes related to the different mesh choices and location options available to surgeons performing complex AWR |
| Thursday, November 19 6:00 PM ET/3:00 PM PT | Managing Postoperative Complications in Complex AWR           | • Technical considerations for optimizing patient outcomes  
• Skin and soft tissue management  
• Negative pressure therapy |

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Please contact Joneil Rizzo at PRMMeetings1@Allergan.com or 908.947.1427 with questions or if you have difficulty registering.

Attendees will join Drs. Martindale and Thomas for a series of 1-hour interactive virtual presentations and discussions on select topics in Complex Abdominal Reconstruction including: patient preoptimization, advanced surgical techniques, an evidence-based review of surgical mesh, recent data trends in patient outcomes, and considerations for managing post-operative wound complications.

Surgeons who attend the webcast can discuss these topics and engage in an interactive Question-and-Answer session with Drs. Martindale and Thomas.
QUESTIONS?
If you have any questions regarding logistics, content, program format, or any other general inquiries, please feel free to contact Chris Lewis at 908-947-1444 or via email at christopher.lewis@allergan.com.

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