2018 Epworth Hernia Masterclass - Keeping it all together

08:30 – 08:40  **Epworth HealthCare Introduction and Welcome**
Mr Gary Crosthwaite and Associate Professor Luis Prado

**Session 1**  The Scope of the Problem and Assessment

**Chairs:**  Mr Gary Crosthwaite and Mr Phil Smart

08:40 – 9:00  Hernia Repair in the United States: Current Situation and Trends including Mesh vs No Mesh - **Professor James G. Bittner**
09:00 – 09:20  Clinical Assessment / decision making / Should I operate at all? - **Dr Keith Towsey**
09:20 – 09:35  Radiological Assessment / Anatomy of a hernia - **Dr Brooke Sawyer**
09:35 – 09:50  Optimising the patient - **Mr Rod Jacobs**
09:50 – 10:05  What Mesh should I use? - **Dr Su Mei Ho**
10:05 – 10:20  Location Location Location: Mesh location impacts outcomes - **Professor James G. Bittner**
10:20 – 10:30  Discussion

**10:30 – 10:50**  **Morning Tea & Sponsor Exhibition**

**Session 2**  Groin Hernias

**Chairs:**  Mr David Wardill and Mr Satish Warrier

10:50 – 11:05  Robotic assisted repair of recurrent groin hernias - **Professor James G. Bittner**
11:05 – 11:20  Trends in approach TAP, TEP and Open - **Mr Alvin Cham**
11:20 – 11:35  What to do with the recurrence - **Mr Darrin Goodall-Wilson**
11:35 – 11:50  Post-operative pain – What to do - **Dr Karin Jones**
11:50 – 12:05  Discussion
12:05 – 12:30  Evolving new techniques – MILOS, TESLAR, SCOLA, WTF? **Dr Keith Towsey**

**12:30 – 13:15**  **Lunch & Sponsor Exhibition**

**Session 3**  Abdominal wall hernias

**Chairs:**  Associate Professor Peter Danne and Mr Alvin Cham

13:15 – 13:35  The difficult Ventral Hernia - Options - **Dr Keith Towsey**
13:35 – 13:50  Outcomes of open versus Lap ventral Hernias - **Mr Gary Crosthwaite**
13:50 – 14:05  Parastomal hernias - **Associate Professor Craig Lynch**
14:05 – 14:20  Placement and fixation - optimizing the operation - **Mr Rod Jacobs**
14:20 – 14:45  Addressing Complications and recurrences after component separation - **Professor James G. Bittner**
14:45 – 15:00  Discussion

**15:00 – 15:30**  **Afternoon tea**
Session 3  Innovation - Panel Discussion

Chairs:  Mr Craig Lynch and Mr Rod Jacobs

15:30 – 16:00  Robotic-Assisted Hernia Repair: You Know You Want To - but what about the Economics?  Professor James G. Bittner
16:00 – 16:30  Learning new tricks eTEP and RoboTAR - Mr David Wardill
16:30 – 16:50  Panel discussion - Difficult cases / Problem solving / Tips and tricks / Robot hernia cases / Medico legal issues - CR Fellow

16:50 – 17:00  Closing remarks

16:00 – 18:00  Cocktail Function