



14th

British Hernia Society Conference

The Royal Armouries, Leeds
30th Nov – 1st Dec 2026

Provisional Programme

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Time

0815 – 0845	Registration & Coffee	
0845 - 1030	Stream 1	Robotics Parallel Stream
0845 - 0900	Welcome & Introduction	Welcome & Introduction
0900 - 1030	Session 1 Prehabilitation & Rehabilitation + How to set up an abdominal wall unit <i>Maciej Pawlak</i> + The anaesthetists' view of complex hernia surgery and setting up a complex hernia prehabilitation clinic <i>Elisabeth Brun-Lacey</i> + How to set up a preop Botox service <i>Rhys Thomas</i> + Abdominal wall surgery in the era of anti-obesity drugs <i>David Ross</i> + ERAS in hernia surgery <i>Kristian Schaumburg Kiim, Copenhagen</i> + Panel discussion & interactive Q&A	Session 1 Building a Robotic Hernia Programme (Economics, Efficiency & Value) + Establishing a robotic surgery service, business case, governance <i>Greg Simpson</i> + Evidence in robotic abdominal wall hernia <i>Mette Williaume</i> + NHS economics <i>Oliver Warren & Gijs Van Boxel</i> + Panel discussion
1030 - 1100	Break, Networking & Exhibition	

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1100 - 1300	Stream 1 Session 2	Robotics Parallel Stream
1100 - 1145	+ How we did it: Robotic access and high-volume hernia pathways Medtronic sponsored symposium <i>Richard Dickson-Lowe & Giles Bond-Smith</i>	Session 2 – Technical video masterclass: How to? + Groin hernia + Ventral (primary, small) – preperitoneal <i>Altaf Awan</i> + Ventral (complex, incisional) – rectorectus & TAR <i>Mohammad Shaban</i> + Parastomal <i>Shakil Ahmed</i> + eTep <i>Javier Monclus</i> + Managing difficult cases and intraoperative challenges <i>Imran Aslam</i>
1145 - 1230	+ Technical Masterclass: “Am I doing it right?” <i>“My resident and I: How we do it”</i> + How to do a laparoscopic LATIH hernia repair <i>Artur Zanellato & Tiffany Cheung</i> + How to do a TAR <i>Husam Ebied & resident</i> + How to perform an open pre peritoneal repair <i>Oliver Warren & Romilly Hayward</i>	
1230 - 1300	BJS Lecture + Are we overcomplicating ventral hernia repair? <i>Ajita Prabhu (Cleveland Clinic)</i>	
1300 - 1400	Lunch, Networking & BHS AGM	

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1400 - 1530	Stream 1 Session 3 Hot Topics & Future Directions + AI in hernia care <i>Asim Abbas</i> + Hernia surgery in patients with liver disease <i>Sala Abdalla</i> + Hernia surgery in patients with cancer <i>Dominic Slade</i> + IPOM+: Yay or nay? <i>Ajita Prabhu</i> + BHS Registry Present & Future <i>Liam Horgan</i>	Stream 2 Session 3 Training Pathways, Fellowships & Learning Curve + How to train in robotic abdominal wall hernias <i>Nasra Alam</i> + GIRFT Robotic Hernia Guidelines <i>David Sanders</i> + Trainer's perspective <i>Mike Glaysheer</i> + Building a robotic hernia programme <i>Nadia A. Henrikson</i> + Panel discussion
1530 - 1600	Break	

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1600 - 1730 *(1600 - 1700)	Interactive Video Session + peTEP: A new kid on the block <i>Javier Monclus, Spain</i> + Parastomal hernias – tips and tricks in open and laparoscopic approaches <i>Elisa Makarainen, Finland</i> + TEP versus TAPP: Is it the technique or the anatomy? <i>Chelliah Selvasekar</i> + Towards a national competency-based hernia surgery curriculum for UK general surgery trainees: a trainee perspective <i>The Coopers Club</i>	Session 4* (1600 - 1700) Interactive Expert Forum: Everything you wanted to ask about robotic hernia surgery + Building the robotic team + Challenging scenarios + Future NHS robotic networks + BHS Registry Panel: <i>Greg Simpson, Mike Glaysher, Nasra Alam, Paul Robinson, David Sanders, Mohammed Shaban, Claudia Realí, Shakil Ahmed</i>
1730 – 1800	Neil Smart Tribute Lecture + Umbilical hernias – Between guidelines and real life practice <i>Matt Lee</i>	
1800	Drinks Reception	

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0900 – 1030	Session 4 Hernia research + The 5 papers in hernia from 2024-2026 that changed my practice as a general and hernia surgeon <i>Marina Yiasemidou</i> + Results from the CIRCULAR study <i>Katie Gilmore</i> + Patient Driven Research <i>Srinivas Chintapatla</i> + Hernia prevention: How strong is the evidence and why we not doing it? <i>John Findlay</i> + Discussion
1030 – 1100	Break
1100 – 1230	Session 5 + Hernia prevention in real life - <i>BD Sponsored Symposium</i> <i>Nadav Nevo, Israel</i> + Complex cases & MDT discussion Chair: Stella Smith/ Praminthra Chitsabesan Interactive problem solving panel <i>Toby Hammond, Tina Gaardner, Kristian Schaumburg Kiim, Marina Yiasemidou, Elisa Makarainen</i>
1230 – 1330	Lunch & talking posters

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1330 – 1500	Session 6 The small print in hernia surgery + Flank hernias – Are they the least forgiving hernias? <i>Javier Monclus, Spain</i> + Hernia surgery in transplant patients <i>Benjamin Stutchfield</i> + The role of vertical fascial traction: From procurement to practice to results <i>Mandeep Kaur</i> + A structured approach to open inguinal hernia repair under local anaesthetic <i>James Kirkby-Bott</i> + Traumatic hernias: Immediate or delayed repair? <i>Tina Gaardner, Oslo</i>
1500 - 1530	Break
1530 – 1700	BJS Oral Prize Presentation BHS Oral Prize Presentations BHS Video Prize Presentations Closing Remarks & Awards