



Canadian Hernia Society Post-Graduate Course:

From Basics to Advanced Abdominal Wall Reconstruction

Instructors: Dr. Fady Saleh, Dr. Megan Melland-Smith, Dr. Rachel Liu Hennessey, Dr. Robert Hall, Dr. Oscar Henao, Dr. Jack Chiu, Dr. Ben Fung

Target Audience: This half day course is designed for residents and practicing surgeons who wish to master complex hernia management and new releases of the abdomen wall.

Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate the transverse abdominis release technique;
- Interpret E-TEP access retrorectus (Rives Stoppa) repair;
- Review groin anatomy to perform open tissue repair (Shouldice) of inguinal/femoral hernias;
- Associate Laparoscopic Inguinal TAPP Hernia Repair with Focus on the Critical View of myopectineal orifice;
- Understand laparoscopic hybrid ventral hernia repair techniques;

Each station will have expert demonstrations to guide council attendees through the following procedures:

- Laparoscopic E-TEP (Rives Stoppa) with crossover;
- Laparoscopic TAPP inguinal hernia covering the critical view of myopectineal orifice and steps
- Laparoscopic ventral hernia repair - IPOM
- Open Rives Stoppa followed by transversus abdominis release (TAR);
- Open inguinal hernia anatomy - Shouldice repair;

AGENDAS:

Time: 7:00am-12:00pm (TBC)

Breakfast 7AM

1. Welcome – 8:00 AM (15 min)

a. Welcome

b. Introductions of educators, attendees, Sim Center staff, supporters, and sponsors

c. Overview of afternoon's activities



- 2. Cadaver Simulation station rotations** –3hs – Groups will remain at the same cadaver:
- a. **Station 1/2** – ETEP with crossover; open TAR bilateral; Shouldice
 - b. **Station 3** – Shouldice; TAPP side A; Open TAR bilateral
 - b. **Station 4/5** - Lap ventral; Shouldice; Open TAR bilateral

Instructors

Station 1 – Fady Saleh

Station 2 – Ben Fung

Station 3 – Rachel Liu Hennessey

Station 4 – Megan Melland-Smith

Station 5 - Jack Chiu

**Floating from station to station: Oscar Henao, Robert Hall

3. Question Period/Evaluation -45 min

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Location: Surgical Skills Centre – QEII Simulation Program

Rm B04, Basement Bethune Building, VG Site

1276 South Park Street

Halifax, NS

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