Americas Hernia Society Quality Collaborative Foundation Exceeds 50,000 Patient Milestone

Robust Registry Data Collection Enhances Efforts of Nationwide Abdominal Core Health Initiative

DENVER (PRWEB) August 19, 2019 -- Continuing on an exponential growth trajectory, the Americas Hernia Society Quality Collaborative Foundation (AHSQC) recently hit another major milestone— the entry of the 50,000th hernia patient into its online registry.

Established by hernia surgeons in July 2013, the AHSQC is a non-profit collaborative focused on maximizing quality and value of hernia patient care. Currently over 340 participating surgeons in academic and private practice settings across the US contribute patient-centric data into the AHSQC registry.

“The growth of the AHSQC is inspiring and a testament to the dedication of our participating surgeons, patients and partners,” shared Michael Rosen, MD, AHSQC Medical Director and co-founder. “Hitting the 50,000 patient milestone just before our 6th anniversary is a significant accomplishment. We are thankful for the continued support and efforts of all who have invested their time, energy and resources in support of our endeavors.”

Utilizing continuous quality improvement methods, the AHSQC registry offers a systematic, user-friendly, approach to streamline data collection and rigorous analysis of clinically relevant, real world information to identify areas where hernia patient outcomes may be enhanced. The AHSQC seeks to share this information in meaningful ways that have direct impact on patient care.

The remainder of 2019 will be equally eventful with the AHSQC leading two important collaborative endeavors – the first Think Tank Meeting of the Abdominal Core Health CRN and the second annual AHSQC Foundation Improvement Summit.

Focusing on patient safety, the Think-Tank Meeting of the Abdominal Core Health CRN is designed with engaging working sessions led by all of the key stakeholders in the hernia care continuum including surgeons, patients, industry and the FDA. The event will be held on October 2, 2019 at FDA’s White Oak campus.

“I’m proud of AHSQC’s role as a leader in the Abdominal Core Health Coordinated Registry Network and am pleased to co-chair its inaugural meeting hosted by FDA in concert with the Medical Device Epidemiology Network (MDEpiNet),” shared Ben Poulose, MD, MPH, AHSQC Director for Quality and Outcomes. “The highly interactive program will focus on how registries can be utilized in current pre-market and post-market activities related to medical devices such as mesh used in hernia surgery.”

Closing out 2019 and building on last year’s extremely successful inaugural AHSQC Quality Improvement Summit, the AHSQC invites all participants and partners to the second annual Quality Improvement Summit “A Collaborative Approach to Improving the Hernia Patient Experience - Spotlight on Optimizing Umbilical Hernia Repair in 2019” scheduled for December 11-12 in Denver, CO.

“We wanted to plan a memorable ending to the year—and the QI Summit is sure to be just that,” declared Dr. Rosen. “I encourage all AHSQC surgeons and partners to join us in Denver for a truly unique, highly impactful
meeting.” Additional QI Summit details will be available on the AHSQC website, http://www.ahsqc.org in the fall.

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For more information about the AHSQC Foundation visit http://www.ahsqc.org or contact Sydney@ahsqc.org.

For more information about MDEpiNet and the Abdominal Core Health Coordinated Registry Network, visit http://mdepinet.org/core-abdominal-health-crn.

About the AHSQC:
Through data collection, analysis and collaborative learning, the AHSQC provides best practices, decision support, care pathways and ongoing performance feedback to participants and partners. The AHSQC is a CMS Qualified Clinical Data Registry and is an authoritative resource for organizations to assess quality metrics and demonstrate a commitment to efficient, value-based patient centered hernia care. Participation in the AHSQC is free to surgeons and fulfills Part 4 of the American Board of Surgery Maintenance of Certification Program.
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