

# Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Summit

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**Great Divide Lodge at  
Breckenridge Ski Resort  
in the Peaks of Colorado**

### Summit Highlights

- Biologic and Synthetic Mesh Symposium
- Interesting Videos:
  - How I do it. Tips and Tricks from the Masters
- Surgical Approaches for Abdominal Wall Reconstruction:
  - When and How should you do it
- Complex Cases

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### Scott Roth, MD

Associate Professor of Surgery  
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Associate Professor of Surgery  
Department of Surgery

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Chair and Professor of Surgery  
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Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery  
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The **reconstruction of abdominal wall defects** remains one of the most challenging dilemmas facing surgeons. Congenital, acquired or post traumatic defects all present unique challenges to the reconstructive surgeon. A multitude of prosthetic materials are available to improve outcomes in ventral hernia repair. Both **synthetic and biologic meshes** have revolutionized approaches to the surgical management of abdominal wall reconstruction. The surgeon can choose from **both laparoscopic approaches and open repairs** or in certain circumstances a combination of the two. Even though ventral hernia repair remains one of the most common procedures performed, there is little consensus as to the best surgical technique, prosthetic material of choice, or strategies to repair complex defects.

In this summit, the participants will be exposed to all aspects of abdominal wall reconstructions including

- Managing congenital neonatal defects.
- Post traumatic abdominal wall defects.
- Minimally invasive hernia repairs.
- Parastomal hernia repairs.
- Complex abdominal wall reconstruction techniques in the setting of infection, contamination, enterocutaneous fistulas, and loss of abdominal wall domain.

Participants will also gain an in depth understanding of the various synthetic meshes available as well as the biologic prosthesis and their potential advantages and disadvantages.

This summit will stress detailed operative descriptions of each of the **experts' approaches to these reconstructive challenges** to provide the surgeon valuable insight through video education and an interactive panel of reconstructive surgeons. This comprehensive reconstructive summit is suited for all surgeons involved in abdominal wall reconstruction including general, plastic, trauma, and pediatric surgeons.

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