

Study Volunteers Needed



Study Topic: Patient Experience after Hernia Repair using Mesh

Conducted by: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Devices and Radiological Health

Background The Americas Hernia Society Quality Collaborative (AHSQC) established a hernia registry in 2013 to collect data on patient experiences after hernia surgery. The information gathered directly from patients is studied for ways to improve health outcomes for hernia patients. Our research team wants to improve this data collection method, and is looking for patients who are interested to join this study. *Helping researchers learn from your experiences can lead to improvements in the quality of life for other patients after hernia repair.*

You are invited to join if you...

- Have had a ventral hernia surgery with mesh
- Are over 18 years of age
- Are willing to share your experiences and quality of life after your hernia surgery
- Your surgeon is participating in the AHSQC

Goals of the study

- Learn what hernia patients think is important for quality of life after their procedure
- Understand the real-life experience people have had with hernia repair during or after treatment

Study procedure

You will either be part of a one to one interview lasting 40-60 minutes, OR a focus group of 5-8 people that will take 1.5-2 hours. In both cases you will be asked about your hernia surgery experience. When you sign up to volunteer (please see below), you'll be told which activity you will participate in.

Contact

To sign-up or to find out more about this study please contact the study researcher **Joyce Lee** at MedSunHernia@fda.hhs.gov or by phone at **240-402-0716**.

