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In support of state specific annual American College of Surgeons Chapter meetings, BG Medical has initiated a wide ranging marketing initiative in the interests of educating hernia surgeons on published failure modes of knitted, woven and expanded hernia meshes^{1,2)} and the lack of such failure modes with the newly available Non-woven, Microfiber Polypropylene Matrix mesh known commercially as SURGIMESH. Associated with each ACS Chapters annual meeting, a complimentary session is organized and, in some cases sponsored by the Chapter, to review the latest medical literature on hernia mesh failure modes. Surgeons involved in these sessions have appreciated the review given the broad range of currently available hernia mesh constructions and difficulty in selecting from a field of “differences on a theme” meshes wherein no single mesh type excels.

SURGIMESH hernia repair matrix material as the non-barrier hernia mesh (WN) for generalized repair and as the barrier hernia mesh (XB) for exposure to the abdominal viscera is reviewed as a significantly different alternative not suffering from the same failure modes. SURGIMESH is based upon a advanced technology non-woven, microfiber polypropylene matrix structure which provides a very high strength hernia repair sheet that is intimately integrated into the surrounding tissues very quickly (12 days) and completely. Due to the extremely small fiber size and low density the SURGIMESH matrix which incorporates with surrounding fibrous connective tissue with great tenacity yet avoids excessive fibrous overgrowth that can lead to chronic pain and stiffness in the area of the hernia repair. The sessions conclude with a review of the early clinical experience that is supporting this lack of these same failure modes with the SURGIMESH hernia repair matrix mesh. For additional information on SURGIMESH hernia repair configurations visit the www.surgimesh.com web site.

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