Preface

The evolution of abdominal wall hernia repair, both inguinal and ventral, continues as we begin the second decade of the twenty-first century. There is an ongoing influx of new techniques, new prosthetics and devices, and new hernia programs, each designed to optimize outcomes for our patients. Tomorrow’s techniques and workflows will certainly be different than those we are utilizing today. With patient outcomes paramount, it is important to capture and summarize the current trends and debates into one manual that is easily accessible for all hernia surgeons. This new *SAGES Manual of Hernia Repair* provides practicing surgeons with immediate access in one handbook to many acceptable current ideas and strategies regarding hernia repair.

Each time we repair a hernia, the technique we choose and the mesh we implant will vary, based not just on surgeon experience but also on the individual patient we are trying to help. As surgeons lead the effort to implement evidence-based algorithms to define and improve patient care and outcomes, this manual can be used as a reference when considering a particular management strategy for hernia patients. We have added a unique section called Current Debates where readers can capture current opinions on many of the ongoing debates of this time period.

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