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(Second Chance) Practical and Clinical Evidence of ABThera™ Therapy vs. Barker's Vacuum Packing Technique.

Since the ABThera™ Open Abdomen Negative Pressure Therapy (OA NPT) system was launched in 2009, surgeons from 20 sites across the US have been collecting clinical data as part of a KCI funded observational, open-label study. The results of this study have just been published in the *World Journal of Surgery*. The study demonstrated significant differences between ABThera™ OA NPT vs. Barker's Vacuum Packing Technique with respect to the 30-day all cause mortality rate. Join us as two of the primary investigators, Dr. Demetrios Demetriades and Dr. Michael Cheatham, discuss the results of this groundbreaking study and the potential impact on the treatment of the open abdomen.

Speaker: Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD, FACS

Dr. Demetriades is a Professor of Surgery and Director of Trauma, Emergency Surgery, and SICU at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. This is one of the largest trauma centers in the country. He has published extensively in the field of trauma and critical care [470 peer review publications, 7 books, 1 Trauma Atlas, 85 book chapters, and 5 monographs]. He has delivered nearly 400 invited lectures/visiting professorships in more than 30 countries. He is an honorary member of many national societies and serves on the editorial board of 7 journals. He served on numerous national committees, including chairman of the Committee on Trauma Education of the American College of Surgeons. He was the Scudder Orator in Trauma for the 2011 American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress. More than 100 international research fellows, from all over the world have graduated from Dr Demetriades' program over the last 15 years.

Speaker: Michael L. Cheatham, MD, FACS, FCCM

Michael L. Cheatham, MD, FACS, FCCM, is the Director of the Surgical Intensive Care Units, Medical Director of the Department of Respiratory Therapy, and Program Director of the General Surgery Residency at Orlando Regional Medical Center, a Level I trauma center in Orlando, Florida, USA.

Dr. Cheatham is past President of the World Society of the Abdominal Compartment Syndrome (WSACS). His interest and research into the cardiopulmonary effects of increased intra-abdominal and intrathoracic pressure span almost two decades. His current research interests include intra-abdominal pressure measurement, the use of advanced hemodynamic monitoring in intra-abdominal hypertension and abdominal compartment syndrome, improved management and closure of the open abdomen, and the long-term health effects of abdominal decompression. He has published almost 200 abstracts, manuscripts, and book chapters.

Dr. Cheatham is also active in medical missions and international disaster relief through Samaritan's Purse and World Medical Mission, Inc. He has been volunteering his time as a short-term missionary surgeon in Africa since 1986.

Both Drs. Demetriades and Cheatham are compensated consultants to KCI.

This event requires registration.

Topic: **Practical and Clinical Evidence of ABThera™ Therapy vs. Barker's Vacuum Packing Technique.**

Host: KCI Medical Education Department

Date and Time:

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 10:00 am, Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)

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