

Hernia Center Begins

**THE HERNIA
CENTER**
Complete Hernia Care

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Announcement:

University Surgeons Associates, P.C., a general surgery practice based in Knoxville, Tennessee announces the opening of the **The Hernia Center**.

Purpose:

The purpose of the specialized surgical center is to provide improved patient outcomes, enhance patient recovery times, and to deliver cost-effective care in the treatment of hernia. This is the first center of its kind in Tennessee, and parallels the national trend of specialized hernia care delivery.

Background:

Over the past 25 years of hernia surgery there have been tremendous changes that challenge the ability to provide high quality and cost-effective hernia care. New surgical techniques, including laparoscopic inguinal and ventral hernia surgery have had slow adoption. Mesh implant materials used in hernia surgery have created medical legal controversy and increased cost. The national obesity trend and aging population makes hernia care delivery more complex with greater risks. The end result is less than optimal outcomes for patients, longer recovery times, and more cost to the healthcare system.

The Challenge:

The **The Hernia Center** creates a patient-centered program for complete hernia care based on four core principles: a partnership with patients, application of advanced surgical techniques, use of the best and most cost-effective mesh materials, and long term follow-up for rehabilitation. This innovative approach sets a new standard for hernia care yielding overall improvements for employers, hospitals, insurance companies and most importantly, patients.