



## Virtual Hernia Clinic Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is VHC?**

The Virtual Hernia Clinic (VHC) is an interactive educational program focused on improving the care of hernia patients. VHC uses virtual patient simulations to model the fundamental knowledge, decision-making, and comprehensive management strategies utilized in caring for patients with hernias.

The online cases will take learners through clinical scenarios that mirror real-life patient care decisions and their consequences. Learners will also have the opportunity to see how experts manage different aspects of the patient's care with expert testimonials and multiple video interviews and panels.

To learn more, please visit: <https://www.sages.org/virtual-hernia-clinic/>

### **How to do I access the VHC?**

Simply access the link through the VHC website: <https://www.sages.org/virtual-hernia-clinic/>

You will be navigated to the SAGES Learning Management System.

### **How much does it cost to access the VHC?**

The VHC is free to all learners! However, if learners would like to claim CME, there is a \$75 fee.

### **Can I claim CME for completing the Mrs. C case of the VHC?**

Yes. Learners can claim CME only if it is initially chosen at the start of the program. Learners must pay a fee of \$75 and receive a passing score of 100% on the post-assessment. Multiple attempts are allowed.

### **Why do I see two different learning options to access the VHC?**

Learners must initially decide whether to take the CME track or Non-CME track of the VHC. More information on CME credit is available on the VHC website page.

### **How do I get more information on the CME offering for VHC?**

Simply click the link under the CME section of the web page: <https://www.sages.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/VHC-CME-Information-2.pdf>

### **What simulation platform does the VHC use?**

VHC is using DecisionSim™, an interactive, cloud-based simulation platform, designed to enhance and assess clinical decision-making.

### **How long will the simulation take to complete?**

The simulation will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

### **Who developed the VHC?**

The SAGES Hernia Task Force, consisting of members of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES).

### **Who should I contact if I am experiencing technical difficulties while navigating the VHC or if I have a question not listed?**

You can speak with Lauren Frenkel at the SAGES office at 310.437.0544, ext. 130 or [lauren@sages.org](mailto:lauren@sages.org).