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MASSIVE ABDOMINAL WALL DEFECT: AN EXERCISE IN PATIENCE & PREPARATION

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Introduction: Thankfully managing the patient with a large abdominal wall defect is a rare scenario for most surgeons. This type of situation may manifest as a result of trauma, infection or various other insults. We present a case of large abdominal wall tissue loss resulting from necrotising infection as a complication of Caesarean section.

As this case highlights, patience and careful planning are the key ingredients to a successful outcome. Methods used to reconstruct this patient's abdominal wall combined temporary closure strategies, hernia repair methods and simple plastic surgical techniques to achieve a functional and cosmetically satisfactory result.

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