

**What was the reason you to become a member of AOSpine and why would you recommend others to become an AOSpine member?**

Because the AO organization is international and inclusive of all spine specialists and organisations .

The world renowned AO courses is very popular amongst all spine specialists in all countries and AO has also diversified to include NeuroTrauma now becoming popular with and including neurosurgeons world wide.

The AO webinars are very well organised

**What does being a member of AOSpine mean to you and how has AOSpine influenced your career?**

AO connects me with a Global Spine society and now also connects me with a Global Neurosurgery Society through the AO neurotrauma forums. It has allowed me to apply for my hospital to become an AO spine centre hosting international spine fellows sponsored by AO thus expanding my teaching profile to an international audience

**What was the reason you applied for the Member Representative Position?**

To Spread the international teaching influence of the AO organization and be a Global diplomat for AO

**Why should the AOSpine Voting members vote for you?**

I have trained and been a consultant in South Africa thus having presence amongst surgeons in Africa.

I moved to the UK and trained national and international Spine surgeons and spent a year in Australia making contacts there and training trainees there , as well.

I have represented british spine societies on 2 organisations and also a member of NASS and ESS .

I have reviewed spine abstract submissions for the British Journal of Neurosurgery and have several publications in spine in several journals