

Event Program

AOSPINE Davos Courses 2018

- **Microdecompression and Endoscopy**
- **Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation**
- **Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression**

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Design your personal AOSpine Davos Courses 2018!

Dear colleagues

Welcome to the 2018 Davos Courses, which are focusing entirely on minimally invasive spine surgery (MISS).

Participants of all levels of practice will have the opportunity to improve their use of the microscope, the endoscope and work on their percutaneous fixation skills.

All courses include case discussions and hands-on sessions on a life-like simulator as well as online course preparations and provide an outstanding occasion to train under the supervision of world-renowned MISS experts.

Also, make sure you don't miss "the good, the bad, the ugly—a case that taught me a lesson" discussions in the afternoon—a great chance to benefit from the experiences of others and to discuss best practices with your peers.

Our renowned international faculty will not only share their extensive knowledge and skills with you but also make sure that you get the best learning experience possible.

As always during the Davos Courses, you will have plenty of time for discussions and networking with spine experts from all over the world.

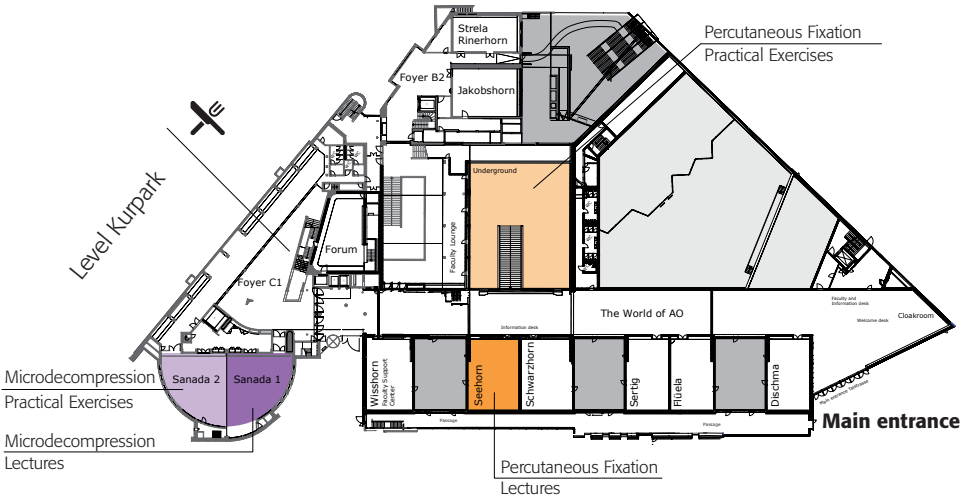
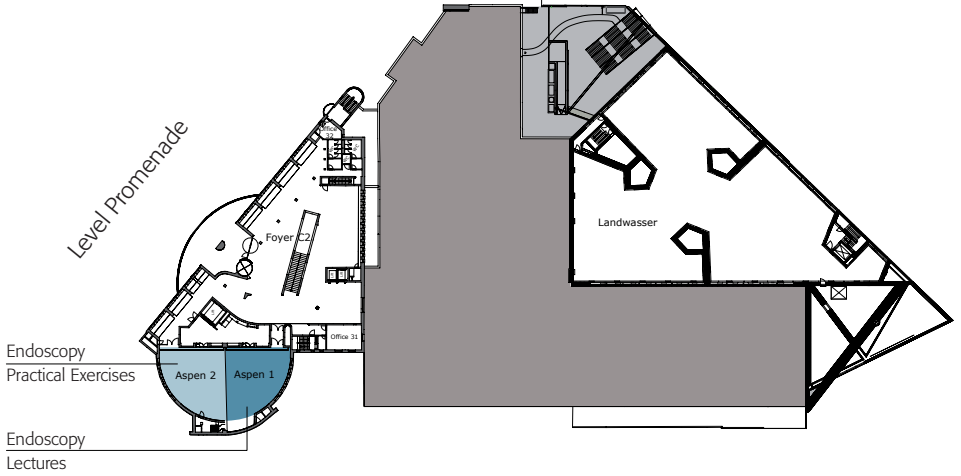
I hope you will enjoy this outstanding learning experience and wish you a wonderful time in Davos.

Best wishes



Bryan Ashman
Chairperson AOSpine Education Commission

Floor plan



Mission

Our mission is promoting excellence in patient care and outcomes in trauma and musculoskeletal disorders.

Course format

Over three extraordinary days, participants at the Davos Courses 2018 will have multiple opportunities to interact with renowned worldwide faculty who will be teaching MISS at the expert level. These specialists will share their knowledge and experiences in an appropriate faculty-to-participant ratio course setting and will focus on the most relevant, evidence-based information and current controversies in spine surgery.

This year we offer three separate courses emphasizing hands-on experiences on the latest techniques, and offer participants a way to improve their MISS skills on the microscope, the endoscope, and in percutaneous screw placement.

The following courses are offered:

- **Course 1:** AOSpine Davos Courses—Microdecompression and Endoscopy
- **Course 2:** AOSpine Davos Courses—Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation
- **Course 3:** AOSpine Davos Courses—Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression

The three AOSpine Davos Courses 2018 are targeted at participants of all levels of practice in spine surgery who would like to advance in MISS. Participants will register for one of the above courses focusing on two techniques over three days, including hands-on exercises, case discussions on general related topics and the famous "the good, the bad, and the ugly—a case that taught me a lesson" panel discussion.

Course Director



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Endoscopy course module



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Microdecompression course module



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Europe and South Africa

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Percutaneous fixation course module:

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USA, North America

Germany, Europe and South Africa

Australia, Asia Pacific

Endoscopy course module

Why you should attend this course and how it could benefit your daily practice

Endoscopic spine surgery has been accepted for many kinds of spinal diseases.

Currently, we are seeing the beginning of a paradigm shift in spine surgery toward more minimally invasive techniques. As the chairperson of the endoscopy course module at the AOSpine Davos Courses 2018, I strongly recommend this course because it will give you the opportunity to change your life and improve your patients' outcomes, which is the goal of every MISS spine surgeon.

What the “hands-on” format will provide

This 1.5 day course will cover basic endoscopic procedures—transforaminal, interlaminar discectomy, and unilateral laminotomy and bilateral decompression—for lumbar disc herniation and lumbar spinal stenosis.

All participants will have intensive discussions with expert endoscopic spine surgeons and they will gain an understanding of the best indications for each endoscopic procedure available, in addition to its benefits and risks.

By offering endoscopy teaching in AOSpine, I am confident that this format provides an optimal learning setting to overcome the steep learning curve and enables every participant to start endoscopic spine procedures.

Learning objectives

- Diagnose the patient problem and recognize appropriate indications and contraindications for MISS
- Select the appropriate MISS procedure and set up the technology, OR, and team
- Manage complications and apply a backup plan
- Perform the key steps of endoscopic procedures through interlaminar and transforaminal access
- Recognize possible complications in endoscopic procedures and describe how to avoid these
- Integrate current evidence and expert techniques to determine the optimal treatment for lumbar disc herniation



JinSung Kim
Chairperson

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Microdecompression course module

Why you should attend this course and how it could benefit your daily practice

MISS microsurgical techniques for decompression and fusion are now established tools that can contribute to better outcomes and fewer complications for patients with spinal conditions.

Microsurgical MISS decompression techniques also allow us to treat elderly patients or those with serious medical conditions when open surgeries may be contraindicated or have high risk.

What the “hands-on” format will provide

The format of the course is based on real cases with “real” simulators reflecting the daily practice of a spine surgeon, in small groups and from worldwide experts in the field. This provides the opportunity to discuss the indications, pros and cons and surgical tips and tricks with the experts and other colleagues and to practice the surgical techniques in realistic models of the spinal diseases.

Learning objectives

- Diagnose the patient problem and recognize appropriate indications and contraindications for MISS
- Select the appropriate MISS procedure and set up the technology, OR, and team
- Manage complications and apply a backup plan
- Use microsurgical instruments and perform basic techniques for the lumbar spine
- Describe and perform the key steps of lumbar decompression and MIS TLIF through tubular retractors
- Identify and address potential complications with the lumbar tubular microsurgical approach



Avelino Parajon
Chairperson

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Percutaneous Fixation course module

Why you should attend this course and how it could benefit your daily practice

Percutaneous screw placement is an integral part of most MISS procedures requiring instrumentation. Adult spinal deformity correction, trauma reduction and stabilization, degenerative spinal fusions, and many infection/tumor cases require pedicle screw insertion. This can be effectively and safely achieved percutaneously, reducing unnecessary tissue and muscle dissection, and bleeding, and enhances post-operative patient recovery.

What the “hands-on” format will provide

The hands-on format, the signature of the AOSpine Davos Courses 2018, ensures the maximum increase of knowledge as it deals with actual clinical cases that may present to any spine surgeon's clinic using realistic simulators in a supervised training environment. Backed up with highly interactive discussions moderated by world renowned experts, based on the best available evidence, ideas and concepts are challenged and redefined. This is what usually improves one's practice and patients' care. The hands-on framework is most useful to show and explain the real and proven advantages of MISS.

Learning objectives

- Diagnose the patient problem and recognize appropriate indications and contraindications for MISS
- Select the appropriate MISS procedure and set up the technology, OR, and team
- Manage complications and apply a backup plan
- Take specific steps and precautions to minimize radiation exposure during percutaneous fixation
- Identify radiological landmarks required for safe and accurate placement of a trephine needle into the pedicle
- Correctly and safely insert percutaneous pedicle screws in the thoracic and lumbar spine



Muhammed Assous
Chairperson
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Schedule at a glance

Saturday, December 8

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
12:00–16:00	Participant registration
16:00–19:00	Opening ceremony and welcome reception (AO Foundation)

Sunday, December 9

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
08:00–08:30	AOSpine opening session
08:30–10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
10:00–10:30	COFFEE BREAK
10:30–12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
12:00–13:00	LUNCH BREAK
13:00–15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
15:00–15:30	COFFEE BREAK
15:30–17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
17:45–18:45	"The good, the bad, and the ugly– A case that taught me a lesson" session

Monday, December 10

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08:00–10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
10:00–10:20	COFFEE BREAK
10:20–12:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
12:20–12:30	Closing session of course module
12:30–13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30–15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
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15:30–17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
17:15–18:15	"The good, the bad, and the ugly– A case that taught me a lesson" session
18:15–20:00	AO World Night (social event)

Tuesday, December 11

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
08:00–10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
10:00–10:30	COFFEE BREAK
10:30–12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
12:30–13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30–15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
15:30–15:50	COFFEE BREAK
15:50–17:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Microdecompression and Endoscopy ■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous Fixation ■ Percutaneous Fixation and Microdecompression
17:50–18:00	Closing session of course module

Microdecompression and Endoscopy

Sunday, December 9

LOCATION: **Microdecompression:** Room Sanada 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
08:00–08:30	AOSpine opening session	B Ashman
Introduction to the microdecompression course module—part I Moderator: A Parajon		
08:30–08:45	Welcome to course module—introduction to MISS microsurgical techniques	A Parajon
08:45–09:00	Integration of microscope into surgical flow	A Parajon
09:00–09:15	How to use microsurgical tools	N Taboada
09:15–09:30	Evidence for tubular techniques	LG Dal Oglio da Rocha
09:30–09:45	Navigation and MISS	J Timothy
09:45–10:00	Advantages and disadvantages of microsurgical tubular techniques	K Foley

10:00–10:30 COFFEE BREAK

Introduction to the microdecompression course module—part II Moderator: tbc

10:30–10:45	Indirect microsurgical decompression—interspinous devices	J Timothy
10:45–11:00	Step-by-step microsurgical discectomy	M Scholz
11:00–11:15	Step-by-step over the top decompression	A Parajon
11:15–11:30	Microsurgical tubular dural repair	N Taboada
11:30–11:45	Step-by-step MISS tubular TLIF	R Assaker
11:45–12:00	Step-by-step cervical tubular foraminotomy	K Foley

12:00–13:00 LUNCH BREAK

13:00–14:00	Case 1—Lumbar stenosis (without spondylolisthesis)	M Scholz, P Tropiano
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication for surgery • Indication for decompression only vs stabilization—advantages of MISS vs open in terms of less postop instability • Surgical approaches • Complications management 	

Microdecompression and Endoscopy

Sunday, December 9

LOCATION: **Microdecompression:** Room Sanada 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
14:00–15:00	Case 2—Lumbar spondylolisthesis and stenosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication for surgery • Indication for decompression only vs stabilization • Surgical approaches: TLIF, XLIF, laminectomy • Complications management 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
15:00–15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
15:30–16:30	Case 3—Cervical foraminal disc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical indications • Anterior vs posterior approach • Fusion vs decompression • Tubular approach vs endoscopic • Tips and tricks 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
16:30–17:30	Case 4—Lumbar synovial cyst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiopathology • Surgical indication • Complications (CSF leak) • Tubular contralateral approach • The need for instrumentation and fusion vs only excision • Other MISS options (punction) 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
13:00–17:30 incl. coffee break	Practical exercises (parallel session) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the top laminectomy, ipsilateral decompression • Over the top laminectomy, contralateral decompression • Microdiscectomy • CSF leak repair 	A Parajon, K Foley, LG Dal Oglio da Rocha, P Assaker, N Taboada, J Timothy
LOCATION: Hotel Ameron, Room Symondpark I		
17:45–18:45	The good, the bad, and the ugly—a case that taught me a lesson in microdecompression	R Assaker, K Foley, J Timothy

Microdecompression and Endoscopy

Monday, December 10

LOCATION: **Microdecompression:** Room Sanada 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
08:00–09:00	Case 1—Lumbar stenosis (without spondylolisthesis) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication for surgery • Indication for decompression only vs stabilization—advantages of MISS vs open in terms of less postop instability • Surgical approaches • Complications management 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
09:00–10:00	Case 2—Lumbar spondylolisthesis and stenosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication for surgery • Indication for decompression only vs stabilization • Surgical approaches: TLIF, XLIF, laminectomy • Complications management 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
10:00–10:20	COFFEE BREAK	
10:20–11:20	Case 3—Cervical foraminal disc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical indications • Anterior vs posterior approach • Fusion vs decompression • Tubular approach vs endoscopic • Tips and tricks 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
11:20–12:20	Case 4—Lumbar synovial cyst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiopathology • Surgical indication • Complications (CSF leak) • Tubular contralateral approach • The need for instrumentation and fusion vs only excision • Other MISS options (puncture) 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
08:00–12:20 incl. coffee break 10:00–10:20	Practical exercises (parallel session) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the top laminectomy, ipsilateral decompression • Over the top laminectomy, contralateral decompression • Microdiscectomy • CSF leak repair 	A Parajon, K Foley, LG Dal Oglio da Rocha, P Assaker, N Taboada, J Timothy
12:20–12:30	Closing session of course module	A Parajon, P Tropiano
12:30–13:30	LUNCH BREAK	

Microdecompression and Endoscopy

Monday, December 10

LOCATION: **Endoscopy:** Room Aspen 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
Introduction to the endoscopy course module—part I		Moderator: Tbc
Incorporating spinal endoscopy into your routine practice		
13:30–13:40	Welcome to course module—Introduction to endoscopy	J KIM
13:40–13:55	Critical reappraisal of spinal endoscopy based on historical evidence	J Lee
13:55–14:10	Optimizing case selection & surgical indications for spinal endoscopy	P van Daele
14:10–14:25	Anatomical considerations prior to spinal endoscopy performance decision	Ch Chen
14:25–14:40	Recent advances in spinal endoscopy preceding publication	S Park
14:40–15:00	Questions and answers	All faculty
15:00–15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
Introduction to the endoscopy course module—part II		Moderator: Tbc
Navigating through technical details for spinal endoscopy		
15:30–15:45	Customizing your OR to spinal endoscopy; setting up considerations	P van Daele
15:45–16:00	Transforaminal vs interlaminar approach (based on foraminal morphometry)	Ch Chen
16:00–16:15	Commonly expected complications and their management tactics	J Lee
16:15–16:30	Feasibility of endoscopic revision surgery	Ch Hofstetter
16:30–17:00	Questions and answers	All faculty
LOCATION: Hotel Ameron, Room Campanello		
17:15–18:15	The good, the bad, and the ugly—a case that taught me a lesson in endoscopy	Ch Chen, J H Lee, N Abhay

Microdecompression and Endoscopy

Tuesday, December 11

LOCATION: **Endoscopy:** Room Aspen 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
08:00–09:00	Case 1—Huge migrated lumbar disc herniation: which approach?	M Ito, N Abhay
09:00–10:00	Case 2—Twicely recurred lumbar disc herniation: still going for another endoscopy?	M Ito, N Abhay
10:00–10:30	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30–11:30	Case 3—Simultaneous dual root compression (double-crutch) at single lumbar level; single or two step surgery?	M Ito, N Abhay
11:30–12:30	Case 4—Concomitant single level lumbar disc herniation and lateral recess stenosis	M Ito, N Abhay
08:00–12:30 incl. coffee break	Practical exercises (parallel session) Transforaminal endoscopy and interlaminar endoscopy	
10:00–10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforaminal Endoscopy 1 • Transforaminal Endoscopy 2 	J Kim Ch Chen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interlaminar Endoscopy 1 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 2 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 3 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 4 	Ch Hofstetter S Park J Lee P van Daele
12:30–13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30–14:30	Case 1—Huge migrated lumbar disc herniation: which approach?	M Ito, N Abhay
14:30–15:30	Case 2—Twicely recurred lumbar disc herniation: still going for another endoscopy?	M Ito, N Abhay
15:30–15:50	COFFEE BREAK	

Microdecompression and Endoscopy

Tuesday, December 11

LOCATION: **Endoscopy:** Room Aspen 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
15:50–16:50	Case 3—Simultaneous dual root compression (double-crutch) at single lumbar level; single or two step surgery?	M Ito, N Abhay
16:50–17:50	Case 4—Concomitant single level lumbar disc herniation and lateral recess stenosis	M Ito, N Abhay
13:30–17:50 incl. coffee break	Practical exercises (parallel session) Transforaminal endoscopy and interlaminar endoscopy	
15:30–15:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforaminal Endoscopy 1 • Transforaminal Endoscopy 2 	J Kim Ch Chen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interlaminar Endoscopy 1 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 2 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 3 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 4 	Ch Hofstetter S Park J Lee P van Daele
17:50–18:00	Closing session of course module End of course	

■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous fixation

Sunday, December 9

LOCATION: **Endoscopy:** Room Aspen 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
08:00–08:30	AOSpine opening session	B Ashman
	Introduction to the endoscopy course module—part I Incorporating spinal endoscopy into your routine practice	Moderator: Tbc
08:30–08:40	Welcome to course module—Introduction to endoscopy	J Kim
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12:00–13:00	LUNCH BREAK	

Endoscopy and Percutaneous fixation

Sunday, December 9

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13:00–14:00	Case 1—Huge migrated lumbar disc herniation: which approach?	M Ito, N Abhay
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15:00–15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
15:30–16:30	Case 3—Simultaneous dual root compression (double-crutch) at single lumbar level; single or two step surgery?	M Ito, N Abhay
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15:00–15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforaminal Endoscopy 1 • Transforaminal Endoscopy 2 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 1 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 2 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 3 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 4 	J Kim Ch Chen Ch Hofstetter S Park J Lee P van Daele
LOCATION: Hotel Ameron, Room Campanello		
17:45–18:45	The good, the bad, and the ugly—a case that taught me a lesson in endoscopy	Ch Hofstetter, S Park, P van Daele

■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous fixation

Monday, December 10

LOCATION: **Endoscopy:** Room Aspen 1 and 2, House C

Percutaneous fixation: Room Seehorn, House A, Bunker rooms

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
08:00–09:00	Case 1—Huge migrated lumbar disc herniation: which approach?	M Ito, N Abhay
09:00–10:00	Case 2—Twicely recurred lumbar disc herniation: still going for another endoscopy?	M Ito, N Abhay
10:00–10:20	COFFEE BREAK	
10:20–11:20	Case 3—Simultaneous dual root compression (double-crutch) at single lumbar level; single or two step surgery?	M Ito, N Abhay
11:20–12:20	Case 4—Concomitant single level lumbar disc herniation and lateral recess stenosis	M Ito, N Abhay
08:00–12:30 incl. coffee break	Practical exercises (parallel session) Transforaminal endoscopy and interlaminar endoscopy	
10:00–10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforaminal Endoscopy 1 • Transforaminal Endoscopy 2 	J Kim Ch Chen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interlaminar Endoscopy 1 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 2 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 3 • Interlaminar Endoscopy 4 	Ch Hofstetter S Park J Lee P van Daele
12:20–12:30	Closing session of course module	J Kim, M Ito
12:30–13:30	LUNCH BREAK	

■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous fixation

Monday, December 10

LOCATION: **Percutaneous fixation:** Room Seehorn, House A, Bunker rooms

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
Introduction percutaneous fixation course module—part I		Moderator: P Taylor
13:30–13:40	Welcome to course module—Introduction to percutaneous screw fixation	M Assous
13:40–13:50	Percutaneous screws: Literature review	A Aziz
13:50–14:00	Ionizing radiation: Safety and tips to minimize exposure	R Härtl
14:00–14:10	Square vertebra concept, entry point and trajectory	D Gelb
14:10–14:20	Lumbar percutaneous screws: Technique and tips	A Shawky
14:20–14:30	Thoracic percutaneous screws: Technique and tips	JP Mobasser
14:30–14:40	Percutaneous screw fixation in the pelvis	D Gelb
14:40–15:00	Discussion	All faculty
15:00–15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
Introduction percutaneous fixation course module—part II		Moderator: D Gelb
15:30–15:40	Rod application, compression/distraction techniques	JP Mobasser
15:40–15:50	Multiaxial vs monoaxial screws: Tips in trauma	A Aziz
15:50–16:00	Percutaneous screws: Tips in fusion surgery	P Taylor
16:00–16:10	Percutaneous screws: In the osteoporotic spine	P Taylor
16:10–16:20	Percutaneous screws: Complications and avoidance	A Shawky
16:20–16:30	Navigated screws: Added value?	R Härtl
16:30–17:00	Discussion	All faculty
LOCATION: Hotel Ameron, Room Symondpark II		
17:15–18:15	The good, the bad, and the ugly—a case that taught me a lesson in percutaneous fixation	R Härtl, JP Mobasser, D Gelb

■ Endoscopy and Percutaneous fixation

Tuesday, December 11

LOCATION: **Percutaneous fixation:** Room Seehorn, House A, Bunker rooms

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
08:00–09:00	Case 1–Degeneration (TLIF)	A Shawky
09:00–10:00	Case 2–Adult deformity	D Gelb
10:00–10:30	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30–11:30	Case 3–Trauma	A Shawky
11:30–12:30	Case 4–Infection/Tumors	D Gelb
08:00–12:30 incl. coffee break	Practical exercises (parallel session)	
10:00–10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percutaneous screw placement in proximal thoracic spine • Percutaneous screw placement in mid/lower thoracic spine • Percutaneous screw placement in lumbar spine • Screw placement into the pelvis • Rod insertion, compression and distraction • Navigated screws 	A Aziz M Assous M Taha P Taylor JP Mobasser R Härtl
12:30–13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30–14:30	Case 1–Degeneration (TLIF)	A Shawky
14:30–15:30	Case 2–Adult deformity	D Gelb
15:30–15:50	COFFEE BREAK	
15:50–16:50	Case 3–Trauma	A Shawky
16:50–17:50	Case 4–Infection/Tumors	D Gelb
13:30–17:50 incl. coffee break	Practical exercises (parallel session)	
15:30–15:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percutaneous screw placement in proximal thoracic spine • Percutaneous screw placement in mid/lower thoracic spine • Percutaneous screw placement in lumbar spine • Screw placement into the pelvis • Rod insertion, compression and distraction • Navigated screws 	A Aziz M Assous M Taha P Taylor JP Mobasser R Härtl
17:50–18:00	Closing session of course module End of course	M Assous, M Taha

■ Percutaneous fixation and Microdecompression

Sunday, December 9

LOCATION: **Percutaneous fixation:** Room Seehorn, House A, Bunker rooms

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
08:00–08:30	AOSpine opening session	B Ashman
Introduction percutaneous fixation course module–part I		<i>Moderator: P Taylor</i>
08:30–08:40	Welcome to course module—Introduction to percutaneous fixation	M Assous
08:40–08:50	Percutaneous screws: Literature review	A Aziz
08:50–09:00	Ionizing radiation: Safety and tips to minimize exposure	R Härtl
09:00–09:10	Square vertebra concept, entry point and trajectory	D Gelb
09:10–09:20	Lumbar percutaneous screws: Technique and tips	A Shawky
09:20–09:30	Thoracic percutaneous screws: Technique and tips	JP Mobasser
09:30–09:40	Percutaneous screw fixation in the pelvis	D Gelb
09:40–10:00	Discussion	All faculty
10:00–10:30	COFFEE BREAK	
Introduction percutaneous fixation course module–part II		<i>Moderator: D Gelb</i>
10:30–10:40	Rod application, compression/distraction techniques	JP Mobasser
10:40–10:50	Multiaxial vs monoaxial screws: Tips in trauma	A Aziz
10:50–11:00	Percutaneous screws: Tips in fusion surgery	P Taylor
11:00–11:10	Percutaneous screws: In the osteoporotic spine	P Taylor
11:10–11:20	Percutaneous screws: Complications and avoidance	A Shawky
11:20–11:30	Navigated screws: Added value?	R Härtl
11:30–12:00	Discussion	All faculty
12:00–13:00	LUNCH BREAK	

■ Percutaneous fixation and Microdecompression

Sunday, December 9

LOCATION: **Percutaneous fixation:** Room Seehorn, House A, Bunker rooms

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
13:00–14:00	Case 1—Degeneration (TLIF)	A Shakwy
14:00–15:00	Case 2—Adult deformity	D Gelb
15:00–15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
15:30–16:30	Case 3—Trauma	A Shakwy
16:30–17:30	Case 4—Infection/Tumors	D Gelb
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LOCATION: Hotel Ameron, Room Symondpark II		
17:45–18:45	The good, the bad, and the ugly—a case that taught me a lesson in percutaneous fixation	A Aziz, A Shawky, P Taylor

■ Percutaneous fixation and Microdecompression

Monday, December 10

LOCATION: **Percutaneous fixation:** Room Seehorn, House A, Bunker rooms
Microdecompression: Room Sanada 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
08:00–09:00	Case 1–Degeneration (TLIF)	A Shakwy
09:00–10:00	Case 2–Adult deformity	D Gelb
10:00–10:20	COFFEE BREAK	
10:20–11:20	Case 3–Trauma	A Shakwy
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12:20–12:30	Closing session of course module	M Assous, M Taha
12:30–13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
Introduction to the microdecompression course module—part I		Moderator: A Parajon
13:30–13:45	Welcome to course module—introduction to MISS microsurgical techniques	A Parajon
13:45–14:00	Integration of microscope into surgical flow	A Parajon
14:00–14:15	How to use microsurgical tools	N Taboada
14:15–14:30	Evidence for tubular techniques	LG Dal Oglio da Rocha
14:30–14:45	Navigation and MISS	J Timothy
14:45–15:00	Advantages and disadvantages of microsurgical tubular techniques	K Foley
15:00–15:30	COFFEE BREAK	

■ Percutaneous fixation and Microdecompression

Monday, December 10

LOCATION: **Microdecompression:** Room Sanada 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
Introduction to the microdecompression course module—part II		Moderator: tbc
15:30–15:45	Indirect microsurgical decompression—interspinous devices	J Timothy
15:45–16:00	Step-by-step microsurgical discectomy	M Scholz
16:00–16:15	Step-by-step over the top decompression	A Parajon
16:15–16:30	Microsurgical tubular dural repair	N Taboada
16:30–16:45	Step-by-step MISS tubular TLIF	R Assaker
16:45–17:00	Step-by-step cervical tubular foraminotomy	K Foley

LOCATION: Hotel Ameron, Room Symondpark I

17:15–18:15	The good, the bad, and the ugly—a case that taught me a lesson in microdecompression	LG Dal Oglio da Rocha, N Taboada, M Scholz
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■ Percutaneous fixation and Microdecompression

Tuesday, December 11

LOCATION: **Microdecompression:** Room Sanada 1 and 2, House C

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	WHO
08:00–09:00	Case 1—Lumbar stenosis (without spondylolisthesis) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication for surgery • Indication for decompression only vs stabilization—advantages of MISS vs open in terms of less postop instability • Surgical approaches • Complications management 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
09:00–10:00	Case 2—Lumbar spondylolisthesis and stenosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication for surgery • Indication for decompression only vs stabilization • Surgical approaches: TLIF, XLIF, laminectomy • Complications management 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
10:00–10:30	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30–11:30	Case 3—Cervical foraminal disc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical indications • Anterior vs posterior approach • Fusion vs decompression • Tubular approach vs endoscopic • Tips and tricks 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
11:30–12:30	Case 4—Lumbar synovial cyst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiopathology • Surgical indication • Complications (CSF leak) • Tubular contralateral approach • The need for instrumentation and fusion vs only excision • Other MISS options (punction) 	M Scholz, P Tropiano
08:00–12:30 incl. coffee break 10:00–10:30	Practical exercises (parellel session) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the top laminectomy, ipsilateral decompression • Over the top laminectomy, contralateral decompression • Microdiscectomy • CSF leak repair 	A Parajon, K Foley, LG Dal Oglio da Rocha, P Assaker, N Taboada, J Timothy
12:30–13:30	LUNCH BREAK	

■ Percutaneous fixation and Microdecompression

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Event information and logistics

Accommodation

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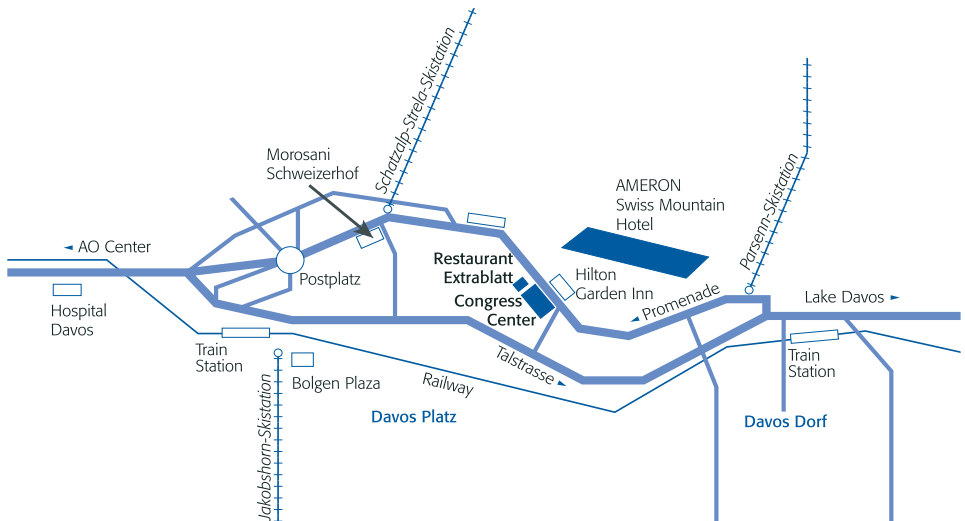
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Monday to Thursday	07:30–19:00
Friday	07:30–16:00

Industry exhibition

Sunday	14:00–17:00
Monday to Thursday	09:00–18:00
Friday	09:00–15:30



Events

Opening Ceremony

Sunday 17:00–18:00

AO World Night

Tuesday 17:45–20:30

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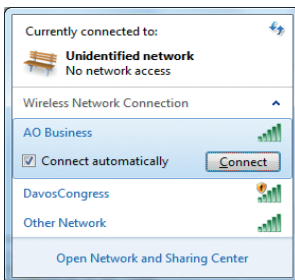
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Until November 8, 2018 Refund of 50% of the registration fee. After November 8, 2018

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Warm clothes and suitable shoes are advisable.

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1) Academic independence

Development of all curricula, design of scientific event programs, and selection of faculty are the sole responsibilities of volunteer surgeons from the AO network. All education is planned based on needs assessment data, designed and evaluated using concepts and evidence from the most current medical education research, and involving the expertise of the AO Education Institute (www.aofoundation.org).

Industry participation is not allowed during the entire curriculum development and planning process to ensure academic independence and to keep content free from bias.

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- Accreditation Criteria of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, USA (www.accme.org)
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- Eucomed Guidelines on Interactions with Healthcare Professionals (www.medtecheurope.org)
- AdvaMed Code of Ethics on Interactions with Health Care Professionals (advamed.org)
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AO Research Institute Davos (ARI)

Mission

The AO Foundation's mission is promoting excellence in patient care and outcomes in trauma and musculoskeletal disorders.

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In its work to further the AO Foundation's mission, ARI's purpose is to advance patient care through innovative orthopedic research and development.

Orthopedics concerns musculoskeletal, spine and cranio-maxillo-facial trauma, degenerative musculoskeletal diseases, infections, and congenital disorders.

Goals

- Contribute high quality applied preclinical research and development focused towards clinical applications/solutions.
- Investigate and improve the performance of surgical procedures, devices and substances.
- Foster a close relationship with the AO medical community, academic societies, and universities.
- Provide research environment/support/training for AO clinicians.

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Collaborative research programs

- Annulus fibrosus rupture
- Acute cartilage injury
- Osteochondral defect

Craniomaxillofacial

- Imaging and planning of surgery, computer aided preoperative planning
- Medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw
- Bone regeneration and 3-D printing

Spine

- Degeneration and regeneration of the intervertebral disc
- Biomarkers and patient outcomes

Trauma

- Bone infection, including the development and testing of active anti-infective interventions
- Sensing implants for objective monitoring of fracture healing
- Development of smart surgical tools
- New implant concepts for optimized bone healing
- Prediction of subject-specific risk of proximal humerus fixation failure via computational tools
- Development of generic Asian pelvic bone model
- Patient outcomes and biomarkers

Veterinary medicine

- Improving osteosynthesis for small and large animals

Multidisciplinary

- 3R – refinement of preclinical studies
- Bioreactor culture systems and mechanobiology
- Development, standardization, optimization, and improvement of preclinical models and methods
- Ex vivo testing using advanced biomechanical models
- Gene transfer: non-viral and viral
- Implant design using the finite element methods
- Implant positioning assistance, C-arm guided implant placement
- In-vivo and in-vitro quantification of bone turnover and scaffold degradation
- Medical additive manufacturing and biofabrication
- Medical CT image processing and analysis
- Polymers to deliver cells and biological factors, create potential space for tissue development, and guide the process of tissue regeneration
- Prototype development and production
- Stem cell therapies for the treatment of bone, intervertebral disc, and cartilage defects

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Upcoming AO Courses—Davos 2019

AO Courses—December 8–13, 2019

AOTrauma Course—Basic Principles of Fracture Management

AOTrauma Course—Advances Principles of Fracture Management

AOTrauma Course—Advanced Principles of Fracture Management for Swiss Residents

AOTrauma Masters Course—Current Concepts

AOTrauma Course—Pelvic and Acetabulum Fractures

AOTrauma Masters Course

AOTrauma/AORecon Course—Comprehensive Periprosthetic Fracture Management of the Hip and Knee

AORecon Course

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AOTrauma Course—Basic Principles of Fracture Management for Swiss Surgeons

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