AOSpine Masters Symposium—An evidence-based approach to controversies in modern spinal surgery

10-11 November, 2016
Dublin, Ireland
Welcome to Dublin

Dear colleagues,

We would like to welcome you to the renaissance of the AOSpine UK & Ireland Masters Symposium. This used to be a regular annual event, stemming originally from the AO User Group Meeting before the inauguration of AOSpine. This event gathered together spine experts from around Europe and was renowned for the quantity and quality of robust debate generated in the meeting, along with an excellent social programme. It is our intention to reproduce that learning and social atmosphere.

We have attracted an experienced faculty of spinal surgeons from both orthopaedic and neurosurgical disciplines who will host the meeting and facilitate discussion about novel surgical techniques and their place alongside tried and tested conventional techniques. Participants are encouraged to bring along their own interesting or problem cases for presentation and discussion; these interactive sessions are guaranteed to stimulate a great deal of passionate discussion, polarised opinions and sometimes solutions to a surgical challenge!

Dublin enjoys a reputation for the “craic” and we hope you can join us and partake in what promises to be an enjoyable and educational experience.

Sincerely,

Evan Davies
Chairperson
Southampton, United Kingdom

Manuel Tavares de Matos
Educational Advisor,
Lisbon, Portugal
Description of the Event

Developments in spinal surgery techniques occur at a bewildering rate and it can be difficult to keep up to date with new strategies to deal with even common, simple spinal problems. Innovative surgical solutions can take many years before their efficacy can be established and proven while older, conventional techniques are often viewed as old-fashioned and abandoned in the race to keep abreast of the times and stay on the technological superhighway! The reality is that modern spinal surgeons need to have a variety of techniques in their surgical armamentarium, some old and some new; the real challenge comes in determining the optimum technique for the individual case.

This course will compare and contrast some of the established techniques against newer alternatives and perhaps introduce participants to hitherto esoteric concepts in the management of particular spinal problems. The keynote addresses cover a wide range of spinal surgical strategies and conditions and their potential applications will be discussed during the interactive case presentations. Inter-faculty debates will focus on alternative strategies for dealing with a specific common or particularly challenging condition and participants will be invited to contribute to this debate and ultimately to vote on the preferred management option.

Target Participants

This event is targeted at surgeons with at least 10 years of experience in spine surgery, who are aiming to further improve their knowledge and/or specialization in the management of spinal trauma and specific techniques.

Faculty

- Philip Horsting  
  Nijmegen, Netherlands
- Marcel Ivanov  
  Sheffield, United Kingdom
- Antony Rex Michael  
  Sheffield, United Kingdom
- Pete Millner  
  Leeds, United Kingdom
- Andrew O’Brien  
  Belfast, United Kingdom
- Jake Timothy  
  Leeds, United Kingdom
- Gerald Towns  
  Leeds, United Kingdom
Overview

Thursday, 10 November 2016, 9.00 - 17.30
Friday, 11 November 2016, 9.00 - 15.30

Controversies in the cervical spine
  Cervical disc prolapse
  Evidence-based ACDF vs C-TDR
  Cervical complications
  Cervical imaging
  Fractures in the elderly cervical spine
  Case discussions

Trauma, tumour and complications
  Dural tear management and prevention
  Post-operative infection
  Evidence-based medicine in post-operative spinal metalwork infections
  Case discussions

Lumbar spine
  Evidence-based medicine in cauda equina
  Post-operative worsened root pain
  Evidence-based treatment for low back pain
  Spondylolisthesis with stenosis
  Case discussions

Degenerative scoliosis—Complications
  Adult scoliosis with stenosis
  Sacropelvic fixation: old and new methods
  Fixing the failing and weak spine
  Proximal junctional kyphosis
  Case discussions

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants are expected to be able to:

• Identify the range of available surgical techniques to deal with specific spinal problems
• Be aware of the benefits and risks of different surgical strategies available for dealing with specific conditions
• Choose the optimum surgical strategy for the management of specific spinal conditions, within the constraints of their own expertise, experience and working environment
Project and registration manager

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Information and registration

Online: http://DUBLIN1611.aospine.org

Registration fee
AOSpine members Euro 280
AOSpine non-members Euro 350

Included in registration fee
Course certificate, lunch & coffee breaks, course dinner

CME accreditation and compliance
An application will be made to the UEMS-EACCME® for CME accreditation of this event.
An application will be made to Eucomed for compliance approval of this event.

Venue
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