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Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents



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AOSpine North America Principles courses are intended to address the additional training needs and practice gaps of the orthopaedic and neurological spine residents. This course is designed to offer residents the opportunity to learn the AO principles of anatomic reduction of fracture fragments; stable fixation to ensure proper healing while allowing the surrounding tissue to strengthen; atraumatic surgical technique to preserve the blood supply to the bone fragments and soft tissue; and early, pain-free mobilization so the patient can be returned to function as soon as possible as they apply to spinal surgery. The course will also provide basic exposure to spinal disorders from expert teaching faculty from both orthopaedic and neurological spine surgery.

The modular course format will focus on the spine patient in a conceptual, case study and practical exercise format. Participants in small groups will rotate through each module over the 2 day period. All participants are encouraged to bring HIPAA compliant cases for discussion to maximize their experience at the course.

Event Summary

Tuition:

Level Name: Participant - Spine

Pricing Tier: Resident Tuition: \$350.00

Course Prerequisite(s):

No Prerequisites

Venue:

Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel English 3400 Paradise Road Las Vegas, NV, USA

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Phone Number: 702-784-5700 North America

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Language(s):

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CME

Continuing Education Credit: 13.00

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The Continuing Medical Education (CME) mission of AO North America (AONA®) is to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary needs based education to surgeons, fellows, and residents in the specialties of orthopedic, hand, craniomaxillofacial, spine, neurosurgery, and veterinary surgery in the areas of trauma (i.e.), operative reduction and fixation), degenerative disorders, deformities, tumors, and reconstruction.

Expected results of AONA's CME activities for surgeons, fellows, and residents are to:

- Increase their knowledge base and surgical skill level
- Improve competence by applying advances of knowledge in patient care in the areas of trauma, degenerative disorders, deformities, tumors, and reconstructive surgical techniques
- Address practice performance gaps by improving management of aspects of traumatic injuries and musculoskeletal disorders (i.e., preoperative planning to post-operative care)

Learning Objectives

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- Perform a complete neurological assessment and identify potentially unstable spinal injuries
- Order appropriate imaging
- · Classify the injury according to fracture morphology, instability, and neurological status
- Describe the best operative and nonoperative treatment option for each patient based on the available evidence
- Reduce/decompress/stabilize appropriately
- · Demonstrate the basic knowledge of the principles of bone and soft tissue healing
- Identify the anatomic and biomechanical issues in spinal fixation
- · Collaborate in the rehabilitation plan for the patient
- Identify and manage postinjury and postoperative complications
- Apply psychomotor skills developed during practical exercises into surgical practice

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Dr. Michael Daubs, professor and Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the UNLV School of Medicine, he treats disorders of the neck and back including fractures, herniated discs, stenosis, spondylolisthesis, scoliosis and other complex spinal deformities. He specializes in surgery of the spine in both children and adults. Board certified, he is a member of many national and international research and education organizations and enjoys the privilege of instructing his fellow spine surgeons at medical conferences around the world. He currently serves as the Chair of AO Spine North America and is a Director of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.



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Dr. Carlos Bagley is the Chair Department of Neurosurgery, Chair Neurosciences Division of SLPG, Medical Director of the Saint Luke's Marion Bloch Neurosciences Institute, and the Edward T. Matheny, Jr. Chair in Neuroscience. He joined the team at St. Luke's in 2023 after serving as Professor of Neurosurgery and Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center from 2015-July 2023. He also served as the Executive Vice Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery and Director of the Multidisciplinary Spine Center. Dr. Bagley is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgeons and his clinical practice focuses on surgery for complex spinal deformity, spinal tumors, and degenerative conditions of the spinal column. His research interests focus on improving patient outcomes and surgical quality, reducing complications associated with spine surgery, and developing innovative approaches and strategies to treat complex spinal conditions. Dr. Bagley was an NCAA Division I student athlete and obtained his undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences with Distinction from Duke University. He continued his education at Duke School of Medicine where he received multiple awards including the Stead Scholarship and the NIH summer research fellowship. Dr. Bagley completed his residency training in Neurosurgery and fellowship in Spinal Surgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. While at Johns Hopkins, he received numerous awards including the Irving J. Sherwin Award for Resident Achievement and the Walter Dandy Award for Research. He also completed the prestigious NIH Neuro-Oncology Research Fellowship Program. After completion of his residency and fellowship training at Johns Hopkins, he began his career in academic neurosurgery at Duke University. At Duke he developed and served as Co-Director of the Duke Spine Center. Dr. Bagley is an active member of numerous organizations including the North American Spine Society, Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and American Association of Neurological Surgeons. He previously served as President of the Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons. He has also served as a reviewer and editorial board member of numerous scientific journals and has trained dozens of physicians spine surgery techniques. In addition to conducting multiple clinical research trials, he has authored over 200 scientific manuscripts and book chapters.



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Dr. Michelle Clarke is Professor of Neurologic Surgery and Orthopedics at Mayo Clinic where she also serves as program director for the neurosurgery enfolded spine fellowship. She has been on staff at Mayo since 2009. Her undergraduate degree is in Aerospace Engineering from the Princeton University, her medical degree is from Georgetown University, and she completed residency in neurosurgery at Mayo Clinic. She completed a complex spine fellowship focusing on spinal oncology at Johns Hopkins University before returning to Mayo. Dr. Clarke also has a master's degree in bioethics from Loyola University of Chicago and has completed a Master's of Education from the University of Cincinnati. She is currently an active member of the AANS, NSA, and the SNS. Dr. Clarke's involvement in AO Spine NA began as an AOSpine fellow in 2009. She joined the teaching faculty and served on the education committee before joining the board as an ad hoc member. Her current practice focuses on intradural and vertebral column malignancies, although a significant component includes complex spine trauma and degenerative disease.



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Dr. Klineberg is a board-certified Orthopaedic surgeon and Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the UTHealth Houston. He has a busy clinical practice which is focused on spinal surgery with cases that range from minimally invasive discectomies and fusions to complex spinal oncology and deformity reconstructions. Dr. Klineberg has specific expertise in deformity surgery and spinal trauma and has published multiple papers on deformity correction, outcomes research and complications as well as the biomechanics of spinal correction. His basic science research interests currently focus on the biomechanics of spinal fusion and fixation.



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