



AO Spine NA Course - Lateral Approaches to Spine Complications, Controversies and Technique Tips



December 8, 2023 - December 9, 2023
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA

The Lateral Approaches to the Spine course will be delivered using a highly interactive learning environment incorporating clinical case discussions, expert panel discussions and hands-on cadaveric dissection. Expert Faculty will discuss the role and application of neuromonitoring systems, the importance of anatomic variation in decision making related to the approach and share technical tips for lateral spine surgery. This advanced course will focus on controversies and avoiding complications with the goal of improving patient care and outcomes.



Event Summary

Tuition:

Level Name: Participant - Spine
Pricing Tier: Fellow
Tuition: \$900.00

Level Name: Participant - Spine
Pricing Tier: Attending
Tuition: \$1,200.00

Course Prerequisite(s):

No Prerequisites

Venue:

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Language(s):

English

Directly Provided by:**Professional Level Prerequisite(s):**

No Prerequisites

CME

Continuing Education Credit: 12.00



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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., pre-operative planning to post-operative care)

Learning Objectives

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- Implement a pre-operative plan for imaging
- Describe the anatomy variables between TL Junction and Lower Lumbar Junction
- Recognize and identify approach options
- Assess the anatomic challenges at various levels of the TL spine
- Recognize the importance of soft tissue injury and its management
- Prepare and manage complications

Faculty



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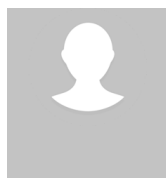
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Dr. Agochukwu is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon specializing in spine surgery. He graduated from Louisiana State University, and received his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency at Madigan Army Medical Center. During his military service, he was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he had the privilege of taking care of service men and women, to include Army and Air Force elite Special Operation Units. He then completed a spine fellowship in Augusta, Georgia. His clinical interest and research focus centers on minimally invasive spine surgery, motion preservation surgery, as well as deformity and complex spine revision surgery.



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Agenda

Day 1

Friday, December 08, 2023 - 07:30 - 17:00 - (includes breaks, travel-time and meals)

Activity	Area
Lecture	Ignite A/B
Lab	Lab
Coffee Break	Ignite A/B Foyer
Breakfast	MacArthur's Restaurant

Schedule	Title	Moderator	Faculty	Room
07:30 - 08:00	Welcome, Introductions and Objectives			
08:00 - 08:15	When to Rely on Indirect Decompression?		Segebarth, B	
08:15 - 08:30	Does Approach Matter: Transpsoas vs. PrePsoas?		Pelle, D	
08:30 - 08:45	Role of Different Positions: Direct Lateral vs. Prone?		Agochukwu, U	
08:45 - 09:15	Deformity Applications of LLIF: Pitfalls, Pearls, and ACR		Eastlack, R	
09:15 - 09:45	Complications: Endplate Violation, Subsidence, Osteoporosis, Unintended ALL Release, Vascular Injury, Ureter Injury, Bowel Injury		Chutkan, N	
09:45 - 10:15	Expert Panel Discussion: Patient Selection / Case Examples / Complications			
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break			Ignite A/B Foyer
10:30 - 11:00	Approach to the TL Junction, Retro-plural vs Transthoracic, Pulmonary Cavity/Diaphragm		Eastlack, R	
11:00 - 12:00	Case Consults / Presentations from Participants for Faculty Feedback			
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and Learn: Neuromonitoring and MMG			
13:00 - 14:00	Direct Lateral			
14:00 - 15:00	PresPsoas			
15:00 - 17:00	TL Junction and Corpectomy			
17:00 - 17:00	Adjourn for the Day			

Day 2

Saturday, December 09, 2023 - 07:30 - 12:00 - (includes breaks, travel-time and meals)

Activity	Area
Lecture	Ignite A/B
Lab	Lab
Coffee Break	Ignite A/B Foyer
Breakfast	MacArthur's Restaurant

Schedule	Title	Moderator	Faculty	Room
07:30 - 08:30	Complications Management: a Vascular Surgeon Perspective		Kelso, R	
08:30 - 08:45	Q&A Discussion		Kelso, R	
08:45 - 09:00	Break/Travel to Lab			
09:00 - 11:00	Vascular Exposure, Control Techniques	Kelso, R		
11:00 - 12:00	Discussion & Wrap up	Segebarth, B		
12:00 - 12:00	Adjourn			

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