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3rd
edition

Spine Surgery Course

From the mountains to the sea,
from Geneva to Naples, from occiput to ilium

GENEVA



NAPLES

SAVE THE DATES!

04-05.09.2023

Geneva (CH)

06.09.2023

Transfer

07-08.09.2023

Naples (IT)

Course directors

Prof. Enrico Tessitore & Dr Claudio Schonauer

Local Hosts

Prof. Karl Schaller & Dr Mario Muto

Welcome



Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the third edition of the Spinal Surgery Course “From the mountains to the sea, from Geneva to Naples, from occiput to ilium”, endorsed by the Swiss Society of Neurosurgery (SSNS) and the Italian Society of Neurosurgery (SINCH).

The Course is addressed to advanced residents in Neurosurgery and Orthopedic Surgery. It will be held in two entirely different, yet equally beautiful and interesting cities, Geneva and Naples, which are linked by a long tradition of surgeons’ exchange. The Italian creativity and genius will be mixed with the Swiss efficiency and quality for a successful event!

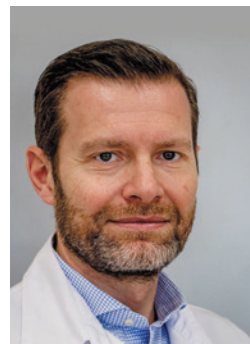
In Geneva, we will cover the occipito-cervical pathologies, including both arthroplasty and fusion procedures. Then we will be transferred together by plane to Naples, where we will focus on the thoraco-lumbar spine and iliac fixation.

The most advanced technologies in the field of spinal surgery, from robotics to exoscopes to modern spinal implants, will be available during the hands-on workshops at two amazing wet labs, the SFITS (SWISS Foundation for Innovation and Training in Surgery) and the Centre of Biotecnologies at AORN Cardarelli Hospitals.

On behalf of our team and our partners, we hope to welcome you to this fruitful and inspiring hands-on course.

We look forward to seeing you in Geneva and Naples and working with you.

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Day 1

Monday 04.09.2023

- 08:30-09:00 Registration
- 09:00-09:15 Welcome and course introduction (E. Tessitore, J. Godjevac)
- 09:15-09:30 Atlanto-Occipital dislocation (E. Tessitore)
- 09:30-09:45 When to include the occiput? (C. Barrey)
- 09:45-10:00 C1-C2 fixation techniques (M. Payer)
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee break
- 10:15-13:00 Hands-on: cranio-cervical junction instrumentation
- 13:00-13:45 Lunch
- 13:45-14:00 Lateral mass screws: how I do it (E. Tessitore)
- 14:00-14:15 Pedicle screw fixation: how I do it (C. Barrey)
- 14:15-15:00 Case discussion: posterior cervical instrumentation and complications
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30-17:30 Hands-on: cervical subaxial instrumentation

Day 2

Tuesday 05.09.2023

- 08:30-09:30 Demo on robotic applications to the cervical spine with Globus Excelsius GPS
- 09:30-09:45 ACDF (I. Cabrilo)
- 09:45-10:00 TDR and hybrid techniques (E. Tessitore)
- 10:00-10:15 ACCF (C. Schonauer)
- 10:15-10:30 Cervical sagittal balance (D. Dominguez)
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:00 Case discussion: management of traumatic and degenerative cases
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-17:30 Hands-on: ACDF, ACCF and TDR
- 17:30-19:00 Networking cocktail at SFITS

Day 3

Wednesday 06.09.2023

Travel GVA-Naples (Easyjet)





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Day 4

Thursday 07.09.2023

08:00-08:15	Welcome (C. Schonauer, M. Muto, S. Cozzolino)
08:15-08:30	Thoracic pedicle screws (G. Barbagallo)
08:30-08:45	Posterior approaches for thoracic disc herniation (E. Tessitore)
08:45-09:30	Case discussion: how to manage complications Moderator: G. Barbagallo. Case presenter: G. Iannuzzo, G. Oliva
09:30-10:00	Coffee break
10:00-13:00	Hands-on: thoracic pedicle screws and surgical routes to the disc
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:15	Percutaneous image guided spinal procedures (M. Muto)
14:15-14:30	PMMA augmented surgical strategies (C. Schonauer)
14:30-16:00	Group A: Case discussion (M. Muto, E. Tessitore) Group B: Hands-on: spine jack and kyphoplasty (G. Ambrosanio, C. Schonauer)
16:00-16:30	Coffee break

16:30-18:00	Group B: Case discussion (G. Ambrosanio, C. Schonauer) Group A: Group Hands-on: spine jack and kyphoplasty (M. Muto, E. Tessitore)
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Day 5

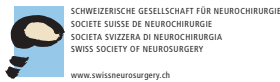
Friday 08.09.2023

08:15-08:30	Lumbo-sacral screws: how I do it (A. Rapanà)
08:30-08:45	Open TLIF: how I do it (C. Schonauer)
08:45-09:00	How to extend to the ilium (E. Tessitore)
09:00-09:15	Sagittal balance concept (G. Capo)
09:15-10:00	Case discussion: management of spine deformity Moderator: R. de Falco Case presenter: G. Iannuzzo, G. Oliva
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-13:00	Hands-on: lumbo-sacral screws
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:30	Hands on: open TLIF
16:30-17:00	Certificates and end of the course

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ENDORSEMENT



Learning objectives:

- Learn about the indications for CVJ, subaxial cervical spine and thoraco-lumbar spine fusion.
- Develop the knowledge about vertebral sagittal balance parameters applied to cervical and thoraco-lumbar procedures.
- Describe and apply key steps of posterior approaches to the CVJ, and of anterior and posterior approaches to the subaxial cervical spine.
- Describe and apply key steps of posterior approaches to the thoraco-lumbar spine and to the thoraco-lumbar discs.
- Learn the key steps of percutaneous cement augmentation techniques to thoraco-lumbar spine (Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty).

« The scientific and educational content of this event has been endorsed by the EANS. »

Registration

- The price of the course is 1'500 EUR or 1'500 CHF for 5 days.

IT INCLUDES:

Registration fee
City transport in Naples
Flight from Geneva to Naples on September the 06th 2023
Lunches and coffee breaks
Course dinner in Naples
Networking cocktail in Geneva

Audience

- 3rd to 6th year of residency in Neurosurgery or Orthopedic Surgery
- Course Language : English

Dates

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Please book your participation by going to

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For further information, please write to inscription@sfits.ch. Please specify the title of the course: From Geneva to Naples, Spine surgery course.