

Preliminary Program

Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents

August 21 – 22, 2015

The Renaissance Hotel

Las Vegas, Nevada



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Our purpose and responsibility is to shape our members' skills and understanding of spine principles; to establish new values and incentives for the creation of knowledge, the sharing of wisdom and the development of new tools and techniques that improve patient care, patient outcomes and the cost effectiveness of spine surgery.

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Message from AOSpine North America Chairman

Welcome to AOSpine North America!

Welcome to AOSpine North America! As Chairman of AOSpine North America it is my distinct pleasure to introduce you to this unique and exciting organization. I invite you to play an active role in advancing interdisciplinary spine care, education and research through the many opportunities afforded by AOSpine North America. We pride ourselves in being part of the largest global, academically oriented interdisciplinary fellowship of spine surgeons.

Dramatic challenges to health care and expectations around patient care delivery are mandating a shift in the way spine surgeons practice. Evidenced-based, multidisciplinary care is replacing previous models of practice and this is an area where the AO can add significant educational value.

The AO ('Arbeitsgemeinschaft Osteosynthesefragen') is a noncommercial entity dedicated to education, research and advancement of surgical care provided in a fellowship of like-minded surgeons spanning the globe. Based on the concepts and philosophies of the AO, AOSpine International (AOSI) has enjoyed an amazing growth in membership and activities. AOSI is regionally represented by North America, Latin America, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East. AOSI (currently chaired by Dr. Jeff Wang of Las Angeles) coordinates and oversees the global educational and research offerings. These include the Global Spine Congress, the World Forum for Spine Research, publishing 2 Spine periodicals (Evidence Based Spine-care Journal (EBSJ), The Global Spine Journal and a number of textbooks on spine care, as well as organizing a sizeable number of educational and research offerings.

Activities of AOSpine North America include educational events delivered by recognized leaders in their fields. In addition to education there is a multicenter research network constituted by premier North American institutions with award-winning projects (AOSNA Clinical Research Network) North America's largest peer-reviewed fellowship support program, and many peer-reviewed grant-funding opportunities. As an organization we also enjoy an ongoing strong partnership with AO North America for educational support and direction, featuring a well-established Continuing Medical Education organization with common commitment to the AO principles and the "AO family" in North America. In contrast to many other formal societies we are intentionally inclusive of specialties and origins and value our straightforward ability to provide academic advancement with the least amount of bureaucracy.

These are exciting times. We hope you will enjoy your exposure to AOSpine North America and join us in our further development as an active participant!

With warm regards,



Michael G. Fehlings, MD, PhD, FRCSC, FACS
Chairman, AOSpine North America

CME Mission Statement

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, 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
- Apply and document competencies in areas of relevant advances in knowledge in the areas of trauma, degenerative disorders, deformities, tumors, and reconstructive surgical techniques into patient care resulting in improved competence
- Address practice performance gaps by improving management of all aspects of musculoskeletal injuries and disorders (i.e., pre-operative planning to post-operative care)





Course Description

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.

Target Audience

Enrollment in the Course is limited to orthopaedic and neurological surgery residents PGY levels 1-8.

Learner Objectives

At the conclusion of this Course, the participant 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.



Accreditation



AO North America is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation Statement

AO North America designates this Live educational activity for a maximum of 13 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

For Canadian Based Physicians Attending AONA Courses

All live conferences or live courses held outside of Canada can be reported as accredited group learning activities under Section 1 of the MOC Program if they are developed by a university, academy, college, academic institution or physician organization.

Courses sponsored by AO North America meet the criteria of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons for accredited group learning activities.

CME for Neurosurgeons

The AANS manually tracks credits earned from neurosurgery Category 1 AMA PRA activities not sponsored or joint-sponsored by the AANS. To add these credits to your file, please forward a copy of your certificate of attendance to the AANS for processing. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing. Please mail, fax or email copies to:

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Member Services Department
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Faculty

The faculty of this Course is composed of international surgeons distinguished in the field of operative fracture care.

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Faculty list subject to change.



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Friday August 21, 2015

Time	Agenda Item
08:00 – 08:30	Welcome / Course Objectives / AOSpine / Pre-Assessment
08:30 – 08:40	Travel to Modules
08:40 – 10:10	MODULE A: CERVICAL TRAUMA Case 1: OC-C1 Dislocation Case 2: C2 Fracture (Odontoid) Case 3: Cervical Facet Dislocation
08:40 – 10:10	MODULE B: THORACOLUMBAR DEFORMITY Case 1: Deformity Principles Case 2: Thoracolumbar Kyphosis Case 3: Degenerative Scoliosis with Back and Leg Pain
08:40 – 10:10	MODULE C: THORACOLUMBAR TRAUMA Case 1: T12 B2 Injury without Deficit Case 2: L1 A3 Injury with Conus Medullaris Syndrome Case 3: T6 C2 Injury
08:40 – 10:10	MODULE D: CERVICAL SPINE LAB A. Cervical Lateral Mass Screws B. C2 Pedicle Screws C. C1 Lateral Mass Screws
10:10 – 10:30	Coffee Break / Travel to Modules
10:30 – 12:00	MODULE A: CERVICAL TRAUMA Case 1: OC-C1 Dislocation Case 2: C2 Fracture (Odontoid) Case 3: Cervical Facet Dislocation
10:30 – 12:00	MODULE B: THORACOLUMBAR DEFORMITY Case 1: Deformity Principles Case 2: Thoracolumbar Kyphosis Case 3: Degenerative Scoliosis with Back and Leg Pain
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12:00 – 12:30	Lunch

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12:30 – 13:00	Spine Jeopardy
13:00 – 13:10	Travel to Modules
13:10 – 14:40	MODULE A: CERVICAL TRAUMA Case 1: OC-C1 Dislocation Case 2: C2 Fracture (Odontoid) Case 3: Cervical Facet Dislocation
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13:10 – 14:40	MODULE D: CERVICAL SPINE LAB A. Cervical Lateral Mass Screws B. C2 Pedicle Screws C. C1 Lateral Mass Screws
14:40 – 15:00	Coffee Break / Travel to Modules
15:00 – 16:30	MODULE A: CERVICAL TRAUMA Case 1: OC-C1 Dislocation Case 2: C2 Fracture (Odontoid) Case 3: Cervical Facet Dislocation
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16:30 – 17:30	Reception

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Saturday August 22, 2015

Time	Agenda Item
07:30 – 08:55	MODULE A: LUMBAR DEGENERATIVE DISEASE Case 1: L4 Disk Herniation Case 2: Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Case 3: Degenerative and Isthmic Spondylolisthesis
07:30 – 08:55	MODULE B: CERVICAL DEGENERATIVE DISEASE Case 1: C5/6 Disk Herniation with Radiculopathy (anterior and posterior options) Case 2: Cervical Stenosis with Myeloradiculopathy Case 3: Multilevel Cervical Stenosis with Myelopathy and Kyphosis
07:30 – 08:55	MODULE C: TUMOR / INFECTION Case 1: Hematogenous Osteomyelitis Case 2: Metastatic Tumor Case 3: Primary Tumor
07:30 – 08:55	MODULE D: LUMBAR SPINE LAB A. Lumbar Pedicle Screws B. Thoracic Pedicle Screws C. Pelvic Fixation
08:55 – 09:05	Travel to Modules
09:05 – 10:30	MODULE A: LUMBAR DEGENERATIVE DISEASE Case 1: L4 Disk Herniation Case 2: Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Case 3: Degenerative and Isthmic Spondylolisthesis
09:05 – 10:30	MODULE B: CERVICAL DEGENERATIVE DISEASE Case 1: C5/6 Disk Herniation with Radiculopathy (anterior and posterior options) Case 2: Cervical Stenosis with Myeloradiculopathy Case 3: Multilevel Cervical Stenosis with Myelopathy and Kyphosis
09:05 – 10:30	MODULE C: TUMOR / INFECTION Case 1: Hematogenous Osteomyelitis Case 2: Metastatic Tumor Case 3: Primary Tumor
09:05 – 10:30	MODULE D: LUMBAR SPINE LAB A. Lumbar Pedicle Screws B. Thoracic Pedicle Screws C. Pelvic Fixation
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee Break / Travel to Modules

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Saturday August 22, 2015 (continued)

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10:50 – 12:15	MODULE A: LUMBAR DEGENERATIVE DISEASE Case 1: L4 Disk Herniation Case 2: Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Case 3: Degenerative and Isthmic Spondylolisthesis
10:50 – 12:15	MODULE B: CERVICAL DEGENERATIVE DISEASE Case 1: C5/6 Disk Herniation with Radiculopathy (anterior and posterior options) Case 2: Cervical Stenosis with Myeloradiculopathy Case 3: Multilevel Cervical Stenosis with Myelopathy and Kyphosis
10:50 – 12:15	MODULE C: TUMOR / INFECTION Case 1: Hematogenous Osteomyelitis Case 2: Metastatic Tumor Case 3: Primary Tumor
10:50 – 12:15	MODULE D: LUMBAR SPINE LAB A. Lumbar Pedicle Screws B. Thoracic Pedicle Screws C. Pelvic Fixation
12:15 – 12:25	Travel to Modules
12:25 – 13:50	MODULE A: LUMBAR DEGENERATIVE DISEASE Case 1: L4 Disk Herniation Case 2: Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Case 3: Degenerative and Isthmic Spondylolisthesis
12:25 – 13:50	MODULE B: CERVICAL DEGENERATIVE DISEASE Case 1: C5/6 Disk Herniation with Radiculopathy (anterior and posterior options) Case 2: Cervical Stenosis with Myeloradiculopathy Case 3: Multilevel Cervical Stenosis with Myelopathy and Kyphosis
12:25 – 13:50	MODULE C: TUMOR / INFECTION Case 1: Hematogenous Osteomyelitis Case 2: Metastatic Tumor Case 3: Primary Tumor
12:25 – 13:50	MODULE D: LUMBAR SPINE LAB A. Lumbar Pedicle Screws B. Thoracic Pedicle Screws C. Pelvic Fixation
13:50 – 14:10	Post Assessment Test / Closing Remarks

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Presentation Information

Faculty Disclosure

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Liability Statement

AO North America faculty and staff assume no personal liability for the techniques or the use of any equipment and accessories used for teaching purposes in the laboratory. The certificate provided pertains only to the participants' completion of the course and does not, in any way, attest to the proficiency of the participants' clinical experience.

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AONA Disclaimer

AONA does not endorse nor promote the use of any product / device of commercial entities. Equipment used in this course is for teaching purposes only with the intent to enhance the learning experience.

AO North America gratefully acknowledges in-kind support for equipment and/or technical staff from Depuy Synthes.



General Information

Registration Fees

The tuition for this course has been waived for all orthopedic and neurological spine surgery residents. However, there is a no-show fee of \$100.00 that will be charged to your credit card in the event that you do not cancel before the course start date.

Registration Procedure

Registration is available online only at www.aona.org

We encourage early registration, as seating is limited. Upon receipt of your online registration and payment, you will be sent via email a confirmation of your registration in the course, along with hotel and travel information to assist you in making your arrangements. Participants who register after the course is full will be placed on a wait list and contacted if space becomes available.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration Deadline is July 22, 2015.

Refund Policy

Full refunds will be made only if written notice of cancellation is received by registration deadline date. Cancellations received after the July 22, 2015 will be subject to a 10% cancellation fee. No tuition refund will be issued for cancellations after the start date of the course.

ADA Statement

AO North America fully intends to comply with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any registrant is in need of accommodation, please do not hesitate to submit a written request at least one month prior to this activity.

Until an email confirmation is received, please do not consider yourself registered in this Course.

For Information:

Contact AONA Customer Service Department

Phone: (800) 769-1391

(610) 695-2459

Fax: (610) 695-2420

Email: customerservice@aona.org

Hotel and Travel

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at The Renaissance Las Vegas. If you have not done so, please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible as the room block tends to fill quickly. Be sure to indicate that you are attending the "AO North America Course" when making reservations to ensure you receive the group discount rate of \$123.00 single/double (available until July 22, 2015 or until the room block fills, whichever comes first). Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 12:00 noon. For more information on The Renaissance Las Vegas, please visit their web site at: **www.renaissancelasvegas.com**

Reservations procedure – book by July 22, 2015

To make your hotel reservation, please call the Renaissance Las Vegas **1-800-750-0980** or **702-784-5700** and ask to book a room for the "AONorth America Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents" group.

Deadline: It is strongly recommended that participants book their hotel rooms as soon as possible, as space will fill rapidly. Reservations at the group rate may not be available after July 22, 2015.

Course Site

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3400 Paradise Road
Las Vegas NV 89169
702-784-5700

While at Renaissance Las Vegas you will enjoy:

*Complimentary guestroom wireless internet

Air Transportation

AAA is AO North America's preferred travel agent. Please contact AAA Travel (**800-259-4023**) or **www.concursolutions.com** to make your flight arrangements. Refer to code GL# N15US5352 when making your reservations.

Ground Transportation and Parking*

The Renaissance Las Vegas is approximately 3.6 miles from McCarran International Airport (LAS). The Airport has several shuttle services; please check the McCarran International Airport web site for more transportation and other general information:

<https://www.mccarran.com/go.aspx>.

Parking

Complete Information will be provided in the confirmation e-mail.

Travel

For assistance with travel to and from Las Vegas, you are invited to contact AAA Travel (800-259-4023). The Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel is approximately 15 minutes from McCarran International Airport (LAS). Taxis and shuttles are available. Complete information will be provided in the confirmation email.

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