

23rd DUBAI INTERNATIONAL SPINE CONFERENCE



24 - 25 MAY, 2025
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Safety in Spine Surgery

Complications in MIS Surgery

Complications in Anterior Cervical Spine Surgery

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23rd Dubai International Spine Conference Scientific Program DAY ONE – MAY 24, 2025

Morning Sessions

7.30 – 8.45 am	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME RECEPTION	
Session 1	KEYNOTE LECTURES	
Chairpersons	Amr El Shawarby, UAE / Khaled Fares Al Ali, UAE	
9.00-9.20 am	Digital Transformation of Surgery: the impact on Spine Ecosystem	R Assaker / France
9.20-9:40 am	Avoiding Thromboembolism in Spine Surgery	S Theiss / USA
9.40-10.00 am	Surgical Site Infections (SSI): What are the preventable factors?	D. Wong / USA
10.00-10.15 am	DISCUSSION	
10.15-10.30 am	WELCOME SPEECH D, WONG. USA, Y. EL BANNA. Egypt, C. BOLGER. Ireland, A. MSADDI, UAE	
10.30-11.00 am	COFFEE BREAK	

Session 2		
COMPLICATIONS IN MISS		
Chairpersons:	Ahmed Quateen, UAE / Sirajeddin Belkhair, Qatar	
11.00-11.15 am	Complications in MIS: Case Based Revision Surgery	R Assaker / France
11.15-11.30 am	Neurological injury from Kyphoplasty	J France / USA
11.30 – 11.45am	Disadvantages of MISS	K Kuwari / Bahrain
11.45 – 12.00 pm	Complications in MIS surgery - diagnostic and treatment of lumbar spine spondylodiscitis	N Haberland / UAE
12.00 – 12.15 pm	MIS trauma fixation loss of correction	J France / USA
12.15 – 12.30 pm	Pathoanatomy Predisposing to Dural Tears in MIS Surgery: Recognition and tips to avoid CSF flooding your limited surgical field	D. Wong / USA
12.30 – 12.45 pm	DISCUSSION	
12.45 – 2.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	

Session 3		
SAFETY IN SPINE SURGERY		
Chairpersons:	Chanshik Shim, UAE / Kassem El Shunnar, UAE	
2.00 - 2:15pm	Preop Optimization of Patients Undergoing Adult Deformity Surgery	S Theiss / USA
2.15 - 2.30 pm	Enhancing Patient Safety in Spine Surgery	D. Oluoch-Olunya/ Kenya
2.30 -2.45pm	Anterior Cervical Spine Surgery Complications Avoidance in new and Revision Cases	W. Al Shaya / KSA
2.45 – 3.00pm	Value of IONM in Maximizing Safety in Spine Surgery	J Cabrera / Chile
3.00 – 3.15pm	Cervical Spine Surgery: How to Maximize Outcome and Prevent Revision in Cervical Spine Surgery	C. Shim / UAE
3.15 – 3.30 pm	Radiation Exposure in Spine Surgery	G Kapsas / UAE
3.30- 3.45pm	Wrong site surgery (WSS): Where we have been, where we are and why WSS continues to occur	D Wong / USA
3.45 – 3.55 pm	DISCUSSION	
3.55 – 4.10 pm	COFFEE BREAK	

Afternoon Sessions

Session 4A GENERAL – I (C. COMPLICATIONS)		
Chairpersons: Aneela Darbar, UAE / Bassam Addas, KSA		
4.10-4.20pm	Approach related to Complications in Cervical Surgery	C. Bolger / Ireland
4.20-4.30pm	Cerebrospinal Fluid Leak in Anterior Cervical Surgery	S. Belkhair / Qatar
4.30-4.45pm	Complications in Anterior Cervical Spine Surgery	A El Shawarby / UAE
4.45-5.00pm	Post-op C5 Palsy: Diagnosis Management and Surgical Options	B. Addas / KSA
5.00-5.10pm	Complications of the ACDF - Pseudoarthritis.	V. Tousunyan.UAE
5.10-5.20pm	Management of Osteoporotic Spine in Anterior Cervical Spine Surgery	A Msaddi / UAE
5.20-5.30pm	DISCUSSION	
5.30pm	END OF DAY-1	

Session 4B GENERAL – II TUMORS		
Chairpersons: Amer Al Shurbaji, Jordan / Mohamed Al-Asha, UAE		
4.10-4.25pm	Surgical Resection of Spine Tumors: Emphasis on En Bloc Techniques	M Al Barbarawi / Jordan
4.25-4.40pm	Complex primary C-spine Ttumors Management (Sseries of Chordomas and Chondrosarcomas etc)	M. Al-Asha/ UAE
4.40-4.50pm	Intradural Spinal Tumour Surgery Avoidance of Complications	A Al Shurbaji / Jordan
4.50-5.00pm	Cervical Intradural Extramedullary Tumors	A Al Mashani / Oman
5.00-5.10pm	Posterior Approach for Thoracic Spine Tumours	K Shunnar . UAE
5.10-5.20pm	Safety in Tumor Surgery	M Al Fawareh / Jordan
5.20-5.30pm	Spinal Dural Arteriovenous fistula: Diagnosis, Endovascular treatment and Clinical Outcome	S. Burathoki / UAE
5.40-5.50pm	A Case of neurogenic bladder caused by Tarlov Cysts Treated with Microsurgical Cyst Sweeping, Wrapping and Laminoplasty	H . Afana / UAE
5.50pm	DISCUSSION	
	END OF DAY-1	

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DAY TWO – MAY 25, 2025

Morning Sessions

Session 5 REGENERATIVE MEDICINE and TECHNOLOGY IN SPINE SURGERY		
Chairpersons: Richard Assaker, France / Ciaran Bolger, Ireland		
8.30-8.45am	Role of Regenerative Medicine in the Treatments for Degenerative Disc Disease	S Theiss . USA
8.45-9.00am	The role of the Regenerative Medicine Therapies for Spine-Related Pain	S. Samy / Egypt
9.00-9.15am	Spinal Applications in Regenerative Medicine	M Jumaily / UAE
9.15-9.30am	Robotic Assisted MISS	R. Assaker / France
9.30-9.45am	Augmented Reality Spine Surgery Future is Here	S. Belkhair / Qatar
9.45-10.00am	Open vs Robotic or Navigates Screw Placement	J. France / USA
10.00-10.15am	Smart Neck Syndrome	K Shunnar / UAE
10.15-10.30am	GPT Listhesis; How to align Artificial Intelligence for spinal surgical excellence. Practical tools and applications	A Quateen / UAE
10.30-10.35am	DISCUSSION	
10.35-10.50am	COFFEE BREAK	

Session 6 : GENERAL - III CERVICAL		
Chairpersons: Ali Al Mashani, Oman / Mohamed Wafa, Egypt		
10.50-11.05 am	ACDF-vs-Arthroplasty for Cervical Spondylosis	R. Assaker / France
11.05-11.20am	C1-C2 Facet Distraction with Spacers	J Cabrera / Chile
11.20-11.35am	Cervical Myelopathy	A Al Mashani / Oman
11.35-11.50am	Management of Multilevel Cervical Myelopathy	A Msaddi / UAE
11.50-12.05am	Pediatric Neck Kyphosis	M Al Fawareh / Jordan
12.05-12.20pm	Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of Stand Alone PEEK cages in Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion	A Darbar / UAE
12.20-12.30pm	Severe Kyphotic Deformities of the Cervical Spine.	M Wafa / Egypt
12.30-12.40pm	Surgical techniques for cervical pedicle screw placement	Y. El Banna / Egypt
12.40-12.50 pm	Neuroimaging in Non-Discogenic Cervico-Brachial pain.	S. Burathoki / UAE
12.50-1.00pm	DISCUSSION	
1.00 – 2.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	

Afternoon Sessions

Session 7A REHABILITATION IN SPINE SURGERY		
Chairpersons: Suad Trebinjac, UAE / Abduadheem Kamkar, UAE		
2.00 - 2:20pm	Spinal Cord Injury: Update - What is new?	D. Wong / USA
2.20 - 2.35 pm	SCI: Evidence Based Management	B Addas / KSA
2.35 -2.50pm	Rehabilitation of Spinal Cord Injuries	S. Trebinjac / UAE
2.50 – 3.05pm	War Related Peripheral Nerves Injury - Zayed Military Hospital Experience	K. F. Al Ali / UAE
3.05 – 3.15pm	Non Surgical Management of Spinal Pain	M Al Tokhi / UAE
3.15 – 3.25 pm	Post-Op Cauda Equina Syndrome	T. Hamdan / Iraq
3.25 - 3.35pm	Evidence-based Physiotherapy Assessment & Management of Radicular Pain	A A Kamkar / UAE
3.35 - 3.45pm	The Opioid Crisis: Where did it all go wrong and what are the impacts today on patients and spine surgeons	D. Wong / USA
3.45 - 3.55pm	DISCUSSION	
3.55 – 4.25pm	COFFEE BREAK	

Session 7B GENERAL –IV LUMBAR		
Chairpersons: Thamer Hamdan, Iraq / Issam Khoury, UAE		
2.00-2.15pm	High Grade Spondylolisthesis- Treatment Options	M. Wafa / Egypt
2.15-2.30pm	Charcot Spine	J. France . USA
2.30-2.40pm	Arthrodesis to L5 versus S1 in long instrumentation and fusion: Review of Literature and Personal Experience	Y El Banna / Egypt
2.40-2.50pm	Trauma in Ankylosed Patients	J Cabrera . Chile
2.50-3.00pm	Post-Op Cauda Equina Syndrome	T. Hamdan / Iraq
3.00-3.10pm	The Wiltse Approach: Old is Gold	S. Sami . Egypt
3.10-3.20pm	The PLDD (Percutaneous Laser Disc Decompression is still a good option?	I Khoury / UAE
3.20-3.30pm	The Non-operative Hazard of Spine Surgery	T. Hamdan / Iraq
3.30-3.45pm	DISCUSSION	
3.45–4.15 pm	COFFEE BREAK	

Session 8 COMPLICATIONS IN ANTERIOR CERVICAL SPINE SURGERY-II		
Chairpersons: David Oluoch-Olunya, Kenya / Yasser El Banna, Egypt		
4.15-4.45 pm	DEBATE: ROBOTS ARE USEFUL VS USELESS <input type="checkbox"/> Pro (Robots are useful): R. Assaker / France <input type="checkbox"/> Con (Robots are useless): D. Wong / USA	Moderator C. Bolger/ Ireland
4.45-5.00pm	Allograft Bone Safety: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	D Wong / USA
5.00-5.15pm	Management Iatrogenic Complications in Cervical Spine	C. Bolger / Ireland
5.15-5.30pm	Cervical Spine Infections	M. Wafa / Egypt
5.30-5.40pm	Analysis of Complications in Anterior Cervical Spine Surgery	J. Cabrera / Chile
5.40-5.50pm	DISCUSSION	
END OF THE PROGRAM		