

Final Program
Swiss Spine Institute's 10th Int. Symposium
In cooperation with the Texas Back Institute

3rd Trans Atlantic Spine Congress “Innovations in Spine Surgery”

Nine surgeries live via satellite

Westin Stonebriar Resort, Dallas Texas, USA
World Trade Center, Zurich, Switzerland

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th
of November, 2005



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Texas Back Institute

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Invitation

The Swiss Spine Institute in cooperation with the Texas Back Institute invite you to attend the 3rd Trans Atlantic Spine Congress held in Dallas Texas, USA and Zurich, Switzerland on Friday the 4th and Saturday the 5th of November 2005.

With the current rising interest in motion preservation devices, and given our scientific desire for improved patient outcomes, there has never been a better time to see and discuss the latest innovations in spinal medicine. Consider joining with us in experiencing the latest procedures live via satellite from the USA and Europe, as well as in stimulating discussions between audience participants and a select group of international faculty.

Through utilizing sophisticated audio visual and satellite technology, this symposium will create an enhanced interaction between our two continents allowing delegates to watch several live via satellite surgeries, and in real-time interact with the operating surgeon.

There will additionally be lectures by internationally renowned faculty addressing their areas of expertise.

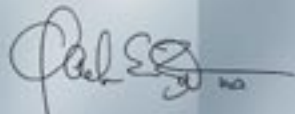
The Third Trans Atlantic Spine Conference offers you those unique opportunities, and we hope you will join us in November.

We look forward to seeing you at our 3rd Trans Atlantic Spine Congress.

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Why You Should Attend

Interactive learning experience for spinal specialists

- 2 days of live via satellite surgeries
- Surgeries preformed from Switzerland and the USA
- Real-time audience interaction with the operating surgeons
- Guest lecture in both Dallas and Zurich
- Learn new surgical techniques and concepts

Multidisciplinary International Faculty

- Over 50 renowned International Faculty
- Formal lectures followed by an intensive discussion
- Live audience polling, “What would you do?” and “Your opinion of the innovations in spine surgery?” with live results projected on screen
- Hear the opinions of spine surgeons from around the world
- Discuss basic science and imaging assessment
- High CME educational credits for US and Swiss delegates

Technical Exhibition

- Technical exhibition with the most advanced spine technology used for all areas of the spine
- Industry breakout workshops/mini seminars in both Dallas and Zurich

Network with the opinion leaders in Spine

- Over 400 spine surgeons from around the world are expected
- Meet colleagues at the welcome apéro
- 20% off registration for all Swiss Spine Institute members
- 20% off registration for Medtech Insight attendees
- Medtech Insight course in Dallas the day before

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The Swiss Spine Institute is a private university and independent foundation, for international spine medicine based on a decentralized network of spine specialists and centres of competence around the world.

The Swiss Spine Institute's objective is to trace precisely the relevant conservative and operative treatment methods in a central data base and improve treatment quality based on this documentation. This documentation provides a platform for education, research, development and information to medical doctors and allied health care professionals involved in spine medicine around the world.

A tight structure of the management with high professional external services together with the following speciality related divisions is the best guarantee for a fast and effective realization of the running projects:

- Surgical
- Non-Operative Care
- Alternative/Complementary Medicine
- Scientific Division
- Pain Management
- Insurances/Legal Division

This divisional structure promotes an intensive interdisciplinary but also a coordinated interdisciplinary exchange of science and practice-related information.

It is the philosophy of this multidisciplinary organization, that each of these five topics is fundamental to its overall mission:

- Documentation
- Research
- Information
- Education
- Development

We believe that these five topics will contribute to the national and international improvement and maintenance of the quality in spine care. In addition, the Swiss Spine Institute is co-operating with other societies and institutes around the world, and informs the public about spine health issues.

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Texas Back Institute

The Texas Back Institute (TBI) was founded in 1978. Since that time it has grown into the largest free-standing spine specialty clinic in the United States. It employs a multidisciplinary model incorporating physiatry, chiropractic, psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, patient education, and pain management methods to treat various painful conditions of the back and neck, as well as spinal deformity.

Although only a small percentage of patients treated at TBI go on to have surgery, the Institute has long been a leader in the development and evaluation of new spinal surgery technologies. This standard continues with the use of artificial discs, dynamic spine devices, and minimally invasive surgical techniques.

TBI has been active in research and education. Through its non-profit research foundation, TBIRF, the Institute continues to publish numerous research studies as well as present at national and international conferences.

The commitment to education includes a spine surgery fellowship program and TBI physicians sponsor and present at numerous symposia educating other physicians about new technologies.

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Dr Douglas Wardlaw	MD	United Kingdom

3rd Trans Atlantic Scientific Program – Zurich

November 4th & 5th, 2005

Day 1

08:30 AM Opening and pre-registration

09:00 AM Industry Pre-meeting Courses

12:00 AM Buffet lunch

01:00 PM Welcome and presidential address M. Nordin, USA

Session 1 Audience Polling and Debate

01:15 PM Innovations in spine surgery N. Boeree, UK

Session 2 Live Surgeries From Aarau, Switzerland and Audience Polling Moderation: N. Boeree, UK & U. Berlemann, Switzerland

First surgery: Dynesys hybrid

02:00 PM Case introduction and audience polling

02:10 PM **Transmission of surgery** O. Schwarzenbach, Switzerland

02:55 PM Post surgery audience polling

Second surgery: Total disc replacement lumbar (Maverick)

03:00 PM Case introduction and audience polling

03:10 PM **Transmission of surgery** J.-Ch. Le Huec, France

03:55 PM Post surgery audience polling

Third surgery: Mobi-C cervical artificial disc

04:00 PM Case introduction and audience polling

04:10 PM **Transmission of surgery** T. Dufour, France & J. Beaurain, France

04:55 PM Post surgery audience polling

Forth surgery: Dynamic stabilization (Dynesys)

05:00 PM Case introduction and audience polling

05:10 PM **Transmission of surgery** R. Davis, USA & Th. Stoll, Switzerland

05:55 PM Post surgery audience polling

Fifth surgery: Total disc replacement lumbar (activ L)

06:00 PM Case introduction and audience polling

06:10 PM **Transmission of surgery** S. Sola, Germany

06:55 PM Post surgery audience polling

07:00 PM **Panel interview with all surgeons** Moderator & Surgeons

07:25 PM Wrap up the days proceedings and adjourn N. Boeree, UK

07:30 PM Welcome apéro

Day 2

Session 3 Posterior Dynamic Stabilization (5 minutes/15 slides) Moderation: Th. Stoll, Switzerland

08:00 AM Indications and personal experience with Dynesys F. Krappel, Germany

08:05 AM US clinical data with Dynesys R. Davis, USA

08:10 AM Clinical results with the Dynesys hybrid technique O. Schwarzenbach, Switzerland

08:15 AM Minimal invasive access with Dynesys G. Dubois, France

08:20 AM Isobar TTL with the dynamic rod – 10 years experience G. Perrin, France

08:25 AM Preliminary report on positional MRI findings of 28 cases with Dynesys D. Wardlaw, UK

08:30 AM Interspineous stabilization with the Wallis System N. Boeree, UK

08:35 AM	Positional MRI changes following an interspinous distraction device	D. Wardlaw, UK
08:40 AM	Discussion	
09:10 AM	Coffee break	
09:45 AM	Guest Lecture: Myths or facts of spine arthroplasty	M. Aebi, Switzerland
Session 4	Total Disc Replacement (5 minutes/15 slides)	Moderation: J.-Ch. Le Huec, France
10:15 AM	An oblique approach with the Maverick prosthesis	J.-Ch. Le Huec, France
10:20 AM	Activ L total disc replacement – First clinical results	S. Sola, Germany
10:25 AM	Flexicore study update	S. Berg, Sweden
10:30 AM	ProDisc vs. Charité – Comparative study update	Ch. Etter, Switzerland
10:35 AM	Clinical results of a cervical metal on metal disc (Prestige)	F. Porchet, Switzerland
10:40 AM	Mobidisc-C, a second generation cervical artificial disc	P. Bernard, France
10:45 AM	Reimbursement for TDA in Switzerland, a model?	P. Moulin, Switzerland
10:50 AM	Discussion	
Session 5	Horizon Technologies	Moderation: S. Berg, Sweden
11:20 AM	Axial approach for percutaneous lumbar fusion and motion preservation	W. Tobler, USA
11:30 AM	Injectable disc nucleus	U. Berlemann, Switzerland
11:40 AM	Image guided surgery	L. Nolte, Switzerland
11:50 AM	Nucleus replacement materials	Th. Steffen, Canada
12:00 AM	Discussion	
12:30 PM	Buffet lunch	
Session 6	Live Surgeries From Dallas Texas, USA and Audience Polling	Moderation: M. Aebi, Switzerland & R. Davis, USA
	Sixth surgery: FlexiCore total disc replacement (lumbar)	
02:00 PM	Case introduction and audience polling	
02:10 PM	Transmission of surgery	M. Hisey, USA
02:55 PM	Post surgery audience polling	
	Seventh surgery: AxialIF	
03:00 PM	Case introduction and audience polling	
03:10 PM	Transmission of surgery	D. Bradley, USA
03:55 PM	Post surgery audience polling	
	Eighth surgery: SB Charité III total disc replacement (lumbar)	
04:00 PM	Case introduction and audience polling	
04:10 PM	Transmission of surgery	R. Guyer, USA
04:55 PM	Post surgery audience polling	
	Ninth surgery: Isobar TTL with the Dynamic Rod	
05:00 PM	Case introduction and audience polling	
05:10 PM	Transmission of surgery	A. Araghi, USA
05:55 PM	Post surgery audience polling	
06:00 PM	Panel interview with all surgeons	Moderator & Surgeons
06:25 PM	Wrap up the days proceedings and close course	Ch. Etter, Switzerland

3rd Trans Atlantic Scientific Program – Dallas

November 4th & 5th, 2005

Day 1

6:30 AM	Opening and pre-registration	
6:50 AM	Welcome and introductions	R. Guyer, USA & J. Zigler, USA
Session 1	Live Surgeries From Aarau, Switzerland and Audience Polling	Moderation: B. Sachs, USA & R. Delamarter, USA
	Fist surgery: Dynesys hybrid	
07:00 AM	Case introduction and audience polling	
07:10 AM	Transmission of surgery	O. Schwarzenbach, Switzerland
07:55 AM	Post surgery audience polling	
	Second surgery: Total disc replacement lumbar (Maverick)	
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08:10 AM	Transmission of surgery	J.-Ch. Le Huec, France
08:55 AM	Post surgery audience polling	
	Third surgery: Mobi-C cervical artificial disc	
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11:55 AM	Post surgery audience polling	
12:00 AM	Panel interview with all surgeons	Moderator & Surgeons
12:25 PM	Buffet lunch	
12:45 PM	FDA Guest Lecture: Surviving your site audit	L. Godfrey, USA
Session 2	Lumbar ADR Controversies (5 minutes/15 slides)	Moderation: J.-J. Abitbol, USA
01:15 PM	Metal/poly vs	P. McAfee, USA
01:20 PM	Metal-on-metal	J. Pelozo, USA
01:25 PM	Discussion	
01:30 PM	Constrained vs	R. Sasso, USA
01:35 PM	Semi-constrained	R. Delamarter, USA
01:40 PM	Discussion	
01:45 PM	Keel vs	J. Zigler, USA
01:50 PM	Teeth anchorage	R. Guyer, USA
01:55 PM	Discussion	
Session 3	Ongoing Study Updates (5 minutes/15 slides)	
Session 3.1	Lumbar Studies	Moderation: P. McAfee, USA
02:00 PM	Charite study summary	R. Guyer, USA
02:05 PM	ProDisc study summary	J. Zigler, USA
02:10 PM	Maverick study update	J. Pelozo, USA
02:15 PM	FlexiCore study update	R. Sasso, USA
02:20 PM	Mobidisc study update	R. Garcia, USA
02:25 PM	Kineflex study update	D. Musante, USA
02:30 PM	Discussion	

02:45 PM	Coffee break	
Session 3.2	Cervical Studies	Moderation: L. Pimenta, Brazil
03:15 PM	Prestige Cx Disc	B. Morgan, USA
03:20 PM	Bryan Cervical Disc	R. Sasso, USA
03:25 PM	ProDisc-C	R. Delamarter, USA
03:30 PM	PCM Disc	L. Pimenta, Brazil
03:35 PM	CerviCore	J.-J. Abitbol, USA
03:40 PM	Kineflex-C	D. Coric, USA
03:45 PM	Mobidisc-C	R. Rashbaum, USA
03:50 PM	Discussion	
Session 3.3	Posterior Dynamic Stabilization	Moderation: M. Janssen, USA
04:05 PM	Dynesys US experience	J. Maxwell, USA
04:10 PM	Dynesys EU experience	J. Sherman, USA
04:15 PM	Isobar TTL	A. Castellvi, USA
04:20 PM	AST M-Brace	L. Khoo, USA
04:25 PM	X-Stop	K. Hsu, USA
04:30 PM	Wallis Ligament	P. McAfee, USA
04:35 PM	Discussion	
Session 4	Horizon Technologies	Moderation: S. Hochschuler, USA
04:50 PM	Nuclear Devices Overview	M. Hisey, USA
05:05 PM	Facet Devices Overview	B. Sachs, USA
05:20 PM	Biological Technologies Overview	D. Bradley, USA
05:35 PM	Axial Approach for Percutaneous Lumbar Fusion & Motion Preservation	L. Pimenta, Brazil
05:50 PM	How does all this fit together?	M. Janssen, USA
06:05 PM	Discussion	
06:30 PM	Welcome apéro	

Day 2

06:55 AM	Welcome and introduction of Day 2	R. Guyer, USA & J. Zigler, USA
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12:00 AM	Industry Courses	



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Opening

USA: Friday 4th November 2005, 06:30am

SUI: Friday 4th November 2005, 08:30am

Closing

USA: Saturday 5th November 2005, 2:45pm

SUI: Saturday 5th November 2005, 6:25pm

Registration

Registration for this course is in high demand and as we have a limited number of seats available we recommend that you register early to guarantee your place. Full registration includes course CD-Rom, free registration to breakout workshops/mini seminars, certificate of course completion, CME credits, buffet lunches, coffee breaks and welcome apéro.

Register online at www.swiss-spine.ch or download course information via email register@swiss-spine.ch.

- Normal registration, \$ 995.00
- Registration for Swiss Spine Institute members, \$ 796.00

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Congress language

The official congress language will be English.

Dress code

For the symposium the dress code is smart casual.

Children

No children under 18 years of age will be permitted to enter the course.

Exhibition

A supporter exhibition will take place during the 3rd Trans Atlantic Spine Congress in both congress locations. The function of this exhibition is to inform attendees about products and services relevant to the practice of spine medicine. Congress name badges will be required for admission.

Breakout workshops/Mini seminars

Breakout workshops/mini seminars will be held during the congress in both locations Dallas, USA and Zurich, Switzerland. These seminars are free of charge for registered delegates of the 3rd Trans Atlantic Spine Congress. Registration to these mini seminars will be accepted online and at the venue on a first-come, first-served basis.

Congress rules and regulations

All delegates must adhere to the following rules and regulations, and other rules and regulations as may be announced by the Swiss Spine Institute (SSI) course organiser of the 3rd Trans Atlantic Spine Congress.

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Climate

During autumn the average temperature in Dallas varies between 3°C and 14°C.

Currency

The official currency of the United States of America is the U.S. Dollars (\$).

Getting there

Flying time is just under three hours from New York and Los Angeles.

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Climate

During autumn the average temperature varies between 5°C and 12°C.

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