



General Information

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| EduWeek 2024 Overview Basic and Advanced Courses | | | |
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| AUTUMN 2023 | MAY-JUNE 2024 | 24-26 JUNE 2024 | 3-6 SEPTEMBER 2024 |
| REGISTRATION OPENS Registrations open in early October 2023 Exact date announced on the EUROSPINE website, through newsletters and social media Participants can now register and save their place for Basic and Advanced modules Further details and preliminary programmes are shared on the EUROSPINE website | PART 1 - E-LEARNING • Enrolment of participants to the EUROSPINE Learning Management System (LMS) by the Education team • Self-paced completion of the module/s by participants • Assessment: MCQs that must be passed with a minimum of 70% + CME evaluation • Mode of study: online/distance learning through the LMS • NO physical presence required | PART 2 - LIVE SESSIONS Live sessions take place at IRCAD in Strasbourg/France Live sessions include, lectures, case based discussions, workshops, group work (and CadLabs/SkillsLabs for designated modules) Participants arrange their own travel/accommodation to/in Strasbourg/France to take part in the modules Assessment: CME evaluations Modules 1-5: after completion of part 2+3 Module 6: after | PART 3 - VIRTUAL LIVE SESSION Bring Your Own Case (BYOC) for Modules 1-5 only Participants submit a case prior to the session. Module faculty choose three case that are discussed in breakout groups and facilitated by faculty members. Assessment: CME evaluation after completion of part 2+3 Mode of study: online live via Zoom NO physical presence required |
| | | completion of part 2 • Mode of study: in-person, physical presence required | NEW in 2024 |



Quick Facts

| DATES & TIMES | Live session Group 1: 24 June 2024 (08:00-12:30 CEST) Group 2: 24 June 2024 (13:30-18:00 CEST) Virtual live session | |
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| | Group 1 and 2: 03 September 2024 (14:00-15:30 CEST) | |
| LIVE SESSION VENUE | IRCAD, 1 Place de l'Hôpital, 67000 Strasbourg, FRANCE | |
| MAX. ATTENDEES | 40 delegates (per group) | |
| REGISTRATON FEES | EUROSPINE Member: €300 Non-member: €400 | |
| CME CREDITS | The EUROSPINE Basic and Advanced Spine Surgery eLearning platform made available on https://eurospine.matrixlms.eu and organized by EUROSPINE, the Spine Society of Europe is accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) to provide the following CME activity for medical specialists. The e-learning activity for this module is accredited with 3 CME credits. Only those e-learning materials that are displayed on the UEMS-EACCME® website have formally been accredited. Through an agreement between the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes and the American Medical Association, physicians may convert EACCME® credits to an equivalent number of AMA PRA Category 1 CreditsTM. Information on the process to convert EACCME® credit to AMA credit can be found at https://edhub.ama-assn.org/pages/applications . The EduWeek 2024: Module 1: Basic Comprehensive Course — Cohort 1, Strasbpourg, France 24/06/2024 - 03/09/2024, has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 5.0 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. The EduWeek 2024: Module 1: Basic Comprehensive Course - Cohort 2, Strasbourg, France 24/06/2024 - 03/09/2024, has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 5.0 European CME credits (ECMEC®s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. Through an agreement between the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes and the American Medical Association, physicians may convert EACCME® credits to an equivalent number of AMA PRA Category 1 CreditsTM. Information on the process to convert EACCME® credit to AMA credit can be found at https://edhub.ama-assn.org/pages/applications. | |
| LANGUAGE | English | |
| DRESS CODE | Smart casual | |



| E-LEARNING | A computer (Mac/PC) or tablet (Android/Mac) and stable internet connection are required to access the e-learning content. In preparation for the live session, the mandatory self-paced e-learning component will be available from May 2024 on the EUROSPINE Learning Management System (LMS). This component must be completed before the live session. |
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| MODULE COMPLETION | A module is only deemed as complete when participants have met ALL of the following conditions: Passed the e-learning with at least 70% AND Attended the live session AND Attended the virtual BYOC live session AND Submitted the course evaluations for the e-learning and the (virtual) live session component |
| TARGET AUDIENCE | Senior trainees and trained surgeons, who are planning a career in spine surgery. |
| IMPORTANT (!) | Completion of e-learning module is mandatory Attendance of the live session and virtual live session is mandatory Group 1 and 2 contain the same content. Participants are registered for ONE of the groups only! Changing groups once registered is NOT possible! |

PART 1 – E-Learning Programme

(available from May 2024)

| Time/Duration | Topic | Faculty | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Low Back Pain (LBP) | | | |
| 00:13 | Clinical examination | Aron Lazáry | |
| 00:17 | Imaging in low back pain | Guillaume Bierry | |
| 00:25 | Different perspectives on low back pain | Stéphane Genevay | |
| 00:19 | Low back pain: Rehabilitation and manual therapy | Marie-Eve Isner-Horobeti | |
| 00:20 | Knowledge check questions | | |
| Fundamentals & clinical research | | | |
| 00:12 | Biomechanics - In vitro models | Fabio Galbusera | |
| 00:13 | Finite element models | Fabio Galbusera | |
| 00:22 | Biology of the lumbar intervertebral disc | Sybille Grad | |
| 00:22 | Cellular and molecular research | Sybille Grad | |
| 00:15 | Epidemiology and economics | Yann-Philippe Charles | |
| 00:26 | Principles of clinical research | Aron Lazáry | |
| 00:20 | Knowledge check questions | | |

PART 2 - Live Session Programme



| Group 1 24 June 2024 | | |
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| 08:00-10:00 | Case | |
| 10:00-10:15 | Coffee Break | |
| 10:15-12:30 | Workshop | |
| 12:30 | End Group 1 | |

| Group 2 24 June 2024 | | |
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| 13:30–15:30 | Case | |
| 15:30–15:45 | Coffee Break | |
| 15:45–18:00 | Workshop | |
| 18:00 | End Group 2 | |

| TOPIC | FACULTY | |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Introduction | Genevay & Galbusera | |
| Case Based Discussion – Diagnostic algorithms and non-surgical approach to low back pain | Genevay/Scaramuzzo | |
| Workshop - Biomechanics and Artificial Intelligence | Galbusera | |
| Workshop - Biomaterials in spinal fusion, modes of action and levels of evidence | Arts | |
| END OF LIVE SESSION | | |

PART 3 - Virtual Live Session

Bring Your Own Case (BYOC)

| 03 September 2024 14:00 – 15:30 CEST | | |
|---|------------------------|--|
| 14:00-14:05 | Introduction | |
| 14:05-14:25 | Breakout session 1 | |
| 14:25-14:30 | Discussion 1 | |
| 14:30-14:50 | Breakout session 2 | |
| 14:50-14:55 | Discussion 2 | |
| 14:55-15:00 | Break | |
| 15:00-15:20 | Breakout 3 | |
| 15:20-15:25 | Discussion 3 | |
| 15:25-15:30 | Wrap-up and conclusion | |
| END OF MODULE | | |

Learning Outcomes – Course

- 1. Evaluate a patient with low back pain (LBP) in a multidisciplinary approach
- 2. Discuss appropriate clinical and radiologic tests
- 3. Evaluate systemic causes of back pain as differential diagnosis (muscle pain, inflammatory diseases)
- 4. Discuss the role of psychosocial models and rehabilitation
- 5. Explain the impact of spinal disorders on the individual and society
- 6. Discuss the application and limitation of biomechanical lumbar spine in vitro and finite element models



- 7. Explain the principles of intervertebral disc biology and degeneration
- 8. Be aware of current molecular research on intervertebral disc degeneration

Learning Outcomes – E-Learning

Participants of Module 1 will be asked to build foundation knowledge for the module with the online pre-module work. Learning outcomes have been defined, so participants and faculty are clear about the standards expected. Module 1 will target multidisciplinary approaches in LBP, principles of spinal biomechanics and intervertebral disc biology. These topics may provide complementary knowledge around spine care, which might differ from clinical surgical practice.

Upon completion of the e-learning component, participants should be able to:

- 1. Clinical Examination
- Select appropriate clinical tests for a clinical situation
- Perform a safe and effective clinical examination
- Select appropriate communication skills with patients and their families
- 2. Imaging in low back pain
- Select appropriate radiologic exams for a clinical situation
- Discuss advantages and disadvantages of radiologic examination methods
- Be aware of radiation exposure when selecting an exam
- 3. Different perspectives on low back pain
- Discuss differential diagnosis of inflammatory spinal disorders
- Evaluate the role of muscle pain
- Discuss the role of non-surgical approaches (e.g., infiltration)
- 4. Low back pain: Rehabilitation and manual therapy
- Be aware of the principle of the bio-psycho-social model
- Discuss the principles of a rehabilitation program
- Select appropriate patients for manual therapy
- 5. Biomechanics in vitro models
- Outline loading in different positions of the spine
- Explain how loading changes with age and pathology
- Describe the basic principles of an in vitro experiment
- Discuss the interpretation and limitation for evaluation of biomaterials
- 6. Finite element (FE) models
- Discuss applications for FE models
- Explain setup, boundary conditions and validation of FE models
- Interpretation and value of FE studies
- 7. Biology of the lumbar intervertebral disc
- Outline principles of cellular and molecular biology of the nucleus
- Explain the role of nutrition and changes with age
- Discuss the role of genetics in disc degeneration



- Mechanical alteration of microstructures in the annulus
- 8. Cellular and molecular research
- Describe pre-clinical models for the intervertebral disc
- Outline principles of stem cell therapy for disc regeneration
- Explain the role of molecular research for disc regeneration
- 9. Epidemiology and economics
- Be aware of the impact of LBP on the society
- Explain outcome measures for quality of life and economy (QUALY)
- Discuss the impact of direct and indirect medical costs in LBP
- 10. Principles of clinical research
- How to design an appropriate clinical study and select classification criteria
- Discuss the use of study results for own clinical practice
- Define the role of registries

Learning Outcomes – Live Session

Case Discussion: Low back pain

- Use clinical information to formulate a diagnosis and treatment plan
- Recognising serious spine disorders: Rule out red flags
- Select appropriate clinical tests
- Perform a safe and effective clinical examination
- Select appropriate communication skills with patients and their families
- Discuss differential diagnosis, clinical, biologic, imaging studies for inflammatory diseases of the spine
- Discuss of pain, muscular component in LBP
- Discuss the principles of the psycho-biosocial model and conservative treatment options in pain management and rehabilitation

Biomechanics: Interactive Workshops

Biomechanics in vitro

- Outline loading in different positions of the spine
- Explain how loading changes with age and pathology
- Describe the basic principles of an in vitro experiment
- Discuss the interpretation and limitation for evaluation of biomaterials

Finite element (FE) models

- Discuss applications for FE models
- Explain setup, boundary conditions and validation of FE models
- Interpretation and value of FE studies

Disc Biology: Interactive Workshops

Biology of the lumbar intervertebral disc

Outline principles of cellular and molecular biology of the nucleus



- Explain the role of nutrition and changes with age
- Discuss the role of genetics in disc degeneration
- Mechanical alteration of microstructures in the annulus

Cellular and molecular research

- Describe pre-clinical models for the intervertebral disc
- Outline principles of stem cell therapy for disc regeneration
- Explain the role of molecular for disc regeneration

Learning Outcomes – Bring Your Own Case (BYOC)

The module concludes with the Bring Your Own Case (BYOC) virtual live session. The BYOC is a case-based learning session based on the participants own practice or experience. Participants will be asked to submit a case on the module topic before the virtual live session.

The cases are ideally the participant's own case and should preferably present questions with no single right answer or dilemmas. The cases could also be from their own departments and ideally, the participant should have had some personal connection or have at least seen the case.

The cases will be shared with assigned faculty preceptors who will process the cases and determine the line-up and order of discussion. Some cases may be grouped with that of other colleagues in discussion.

At the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Synthesise background knowledge and principles on the topic (module name) and apply to their own case and other cases presented
- Identify dilemmas and issues with their own case and other cases presented
- Raise points and questions on their own case and other cases presented
- Defend their positions regarding their own case and cases presented during the discussion
- Recognise and understand diverse perspectives from other participants and faculty
- Assimilate new ideas, new techniques and information, and adopt them appropriately in practice
- Formulate clinical decisions, strategies and generate possible solutions on their own case and other cases presented

Recommended Reading

Part I Basic Module 1: Conservative Therapy. B. Meyer and M. Rauschmann (Eds.), Spine Surgery A Case-Based Approach. Switzerland: Springer.

- E. Shiban and B. Meyer. (2019). Treatment for Acute, Subacute and Chronic Low Back Pain. B. Meyer and M. Rauschmann (Eds.), Spine Surgery A Case-Based Approach (pp. 3-8). Switzerland: Springer.
- M. Jägersberg and E. Tessitore. (2019). Indications for Emergency Surgical Treatment. B. Meyer and M. Rauschmann (Eds.), Spine Surgery A Case-Based Approach (pp. 9-15). Switzerland: Springer.