Preliminary program

AOSpine Scoliosis Week
Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis

April 03–09, 2011          Kochi, Kerala
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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Welcome to Kochi

Dear colleagues,

AO International has been pioneering educational research over the last half a century and since its inception AOSpine has also played a pivotal role implementing these principles of "Teaching and Learning". In the Asia-Pacific region several academic events have been designed to fulfill these revolutionary concepts. The “Interactive Spine Surgery Week” is one such programme. The fifth of this series is scheduled to be held between 03rd and 09th April, 2011 in Kochi, Kerala. This course is designed as a residential week to provide the participant with a comprehensive exposure to a single spine pathology. The current week will address the topic of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis. The general objectives of the course would be to enhance the knowledge and skills of the participating surgeons in paediatric spinal deformity surgery.

The specific outcome measures of this course would be the ability:

- To understand and recall the etiology, natural history and predicting progression in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis.
- To discuss and implement non operative management in AIS cases.
- To interpret and apply classification systems in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis.
- To make clinical decisions in a given case of AIS in terms of surgical planning including determining fusion levels.
- To comprehend and reproduce effectively concepts of spinal imbalance and other postop complications. Anaesthetic issues, pulmonary function testing, neurology monitoring and transfusion requirements in deformity surgery.

Each participant will get an opportunity to scrub-in at least for one case and will participate in the interactive telecast of all other surgeries. The total number of participants is restricted to 12 to ensure optimum faculty interaction on the course. Selection for the course will be done by telephonic interview of those who express an interest to train in deformity surgery. Please make sure that the entry requirements are strictly complied with. We have also envisaged live telecasts of lectures by a panel of international experts on deformity surgery.

I hope you will avail of this opportunity to upgrade your surgical repertoire.

Sincerely,

Renjit Kumar J
Chairperson

K Venugopal Menon
Course Director
Aims and Objectives

The programme will provide a platform to participant surgeons to enhance their knowledge, experience and also refine their skills in the treatment of scoliosis.

Course objectives

At the end of the course each participant should be able to:

- Understand and recall the etiology, natural history and predicting progression in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis.
- Discuss and implement non operative management in AIS cases.
- Interpret and apply classification systems in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis.
- Make clinical decisions in a given case of AIS in terms of Surgical planning including determining fusion levels.
- Comprehend and reproduce effectively concepts of spinal imbalance and other postop complications. Anaesthetic issues, pulmonary function testing, neurology monitoring and transfusion requirements in deformity surgery.

Accreditation

This “Scoliosis week” has been accredited by AOSpine Asia Pacific and the participants will be awarded AOSpine Certificates. This course has also been accredited by the Kerala Orthopaedic Association for CME credits.

Course chairperson

Dr Renjit Kumar J
Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre
Kochi

Faculty

International faculty

Dr Binod Bijulatche
Nepal

Target participants

The target participants are spine surgeons with 4-8 years of experience of independent spine surgery. The course is designed to be of interest and benefit to both orthopedic and neurosurgeons.

Course description

The scoliosis week is a residential week wherein the participant will be exposed to a large number of cases over a short span of time.

Participants will be actively involved in seminars, case discussions, preoperative planning, operative treatment along with the post operative management of the cases.

Each surgery will be planned by the participants and rehearsed on bone models before the actual surgery. The faculty participant ratio of 1:2 is maintained to ensure optimum attention at every levels.

Course Director

Prof Dr med Venugopal Menon
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National faculty

Dr Narayan Acharya,
Dwaraka Institute Of Spine Care, Bellary, Karnataka

Dr Sreedharan Namboothiri
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Course timeline

- The deadline for submission of application form is 10 February 2011
- Selection of participants—3rd week of February 2011
- Despatch of the course curriculum and reading materials along with seminar topics and pre-course questionnaire—4th week of February 2011
- Arrival of delegates, faculty introduction, course briefing, familiarization with instrumentation, bone model workshops, post-operative discussions—Post lunch 03rd April 2011
- Live surgery with telecast: 04-09th April 2011 (mornings)
- Seminars, pre-operative planning and post-operative discussions, bone model exercise—Post lunch sessions during 04-09th April 2011.
- Two Guest Lectures by international faculty through Telemedicine facility are also being planned
- End of course, debriefing and post course questionnaire—09th April noon.
- Two “Quiet” recreational evenings are also on the programme card
Course Organization and logistics

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Registration

The final 12 participants should pay the course fee and register with us at email: courses@spineweek.in

Deadline: 10 February 2011

Course information

Course fee
AOSpine members INR 30,000
Non AOSpine members INR 35,000

in the form of a demand draft in favour of "Institute of Orthopaedic Specialties", payable at Kochi, Kerala

Eligibility
M.S/DNB (Ortho) or Mch.(Neuro), with 4-8 years of experience in orthopaedic surgery with special interest in spine surgery.

Course fee includes
Registration, single room accommodation for 06 nights, local transportations, course material, coffee breaks, lunch, dinner and course certificate.

Accreditation
AOSpine courses are accredited for continuing medical education (CME) programs. The number of credit points or hours varies from country to country. The final information and number of credit points will be distributed at the course.

No insurance
The course organization does not take out insurance to cover participants against cancellation of course, accidents, or other risks.

Security
Security check at the entrance of the building. Access permitted with badge only.

Dress code
Casual

Course language
English

Mobile phone use
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