



Advanced Techniques in Cervical Spine Surgery

March 5-6, 2026

Geneva

GLOBAL ACADEMY

Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the Cervical Academy, taking place on March 5th–6th, 2026, in Geneva, under the chairmanship of Prof. Enrico Tessitore (CH) and Prof. Francesco Costa (IT).

This program has been designed to offer a unique opportunity to discuss and practice a wide range of cervical spine surgical treatments.

During the first day, we will explore different surgical strategies for the cervical spine, covering both anterior and posterior approaches, with a strong focus on decision-making as well as tips and tricks related to the corresponding techniques.

The second day will take place at SFITS (Swiss Foundation for Innovation and Training in Surgery) and will be entirely dedicated to hands-on training. Participants will work in small groups on anatomical specimens and engage in interactive case discussions, sharing experiences with both faculty members and peers.

As one session will be dedicated specifically to participants' cases, we strongly encourage you to submit your own cases a few days prior to the course.

We very much look forward to meeting you in person and to sharing an outstanding scientific program focused on the latest developments in cervical spine surgery.

Sincerely yours,

Your Spineart Education Team

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THURSDAY 05.03

Didactic sessions

12:00 *Lunch at the hotel*

13:00 Spineart Welcome Laure Bruneau

13:05 Chairmen welcome and round table presentation Chairmen

UPPER CERVICAL INSTABILITY: WHEN AND HOW TO FIX C1-C2

13:15 Anatomy, Biomechanics, and Decision-Making Framework Dr Francesco Costa

13:30 Surgical Techniques (incl. Complication avoidance)
and Non-Surgical Alternatives Dr Joan Escala

13:45 C1-C2 case discussion 1 Dr Francesco Costa

13:55 C1-C2 case discussion 2 Dr Joan Escala

MANAGING CERVICAL JUNCTIONS

Approaching the Occiput: Indications and Morbidity Minimization

14:05 Craniocervical Junction: Indications and Techniques Dr Ahmed Khan

14:20 Occipito-Cervical case discussion Dr Ahmed Khan

Cervico-Thoracic Junction

14:30 Challenges and Management Pr Enrico Tessitore

14:45 Cervico-Thoracic junctions case discussion Pr Enrico Tessitore

CERVICAL MYELOPATHY: DECISION-MAKING FOR DECOMPRESSION

14:55 Better understand DCM: New trends in investigations and work-up Pr Enrico Tessitore

15:10 Surgical Approaches to Cervical Myelopathy Mr Cyrus Jensen MD

15:25 Myelopathy case discussion 1 Mr Cyrus Jensen MD

15:35 Myelopathy case discussion 2 Pr Enrico Tessitore

15:45 *Break*

THURSDAY 05.03

Didactic sessions

CERVICAL ARTHROPLASTY: INDICATIONS AND OUTCOMES

16:15	Principles and Indications of Cervical Arthroplasty	Dr Joan Escala
16:30	Outcomes and Challenges of Cervical Arthroplasty	Mr Cyrus Jensen MD
16:45	Fusion vs TDR case discussion 1	Dr Joan Escala
16:55	Fusion vs TDR case discussion 2	Mr Cyrus Jensen MD

CERVICAL DEFORMITY CORRECTION: PLANNING AND EXECUTION

17:05	Patient Selection and Alignment Goals	Dr Saman Shabani
17:20	Surgical Strategies	Dr Saman Shabani

REVISION CERVICAL SURGERY: AVOIDING AND MANAGING FAILURES

17:35	Common Failure Modes in Cervical Surgery	Dr Francesco Costa
17:50	Strategies for Successful Revision	Dr Ahmed Khan
18:05	Closure day 1	
19:30	<i>Departure by bus to the restaurant</i>	

FRIDAY 06.03

Lab and case discussions

08:30 *Departure by bus to the lab*

09:00 GROUPS A1 & A2: Anterior hybrid approach

GROUPS A3 & A4: Posterior approach

GROUP B: Cases discussions - Faculty cases

10:30 *Break & group switch*

11:00 GROUPS B1 & B2: Anterior hybrid approach

GROUPS B3 & B4: Posterior approach

GROUP A: Cases discussions - Faculty cases

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 GROUPS A1 & A2: Posterior approach

GROUPS A3 & A4: Anterior approach

GROUP B: Cases discussions - Participants cases

15:00 *Break & group switch*

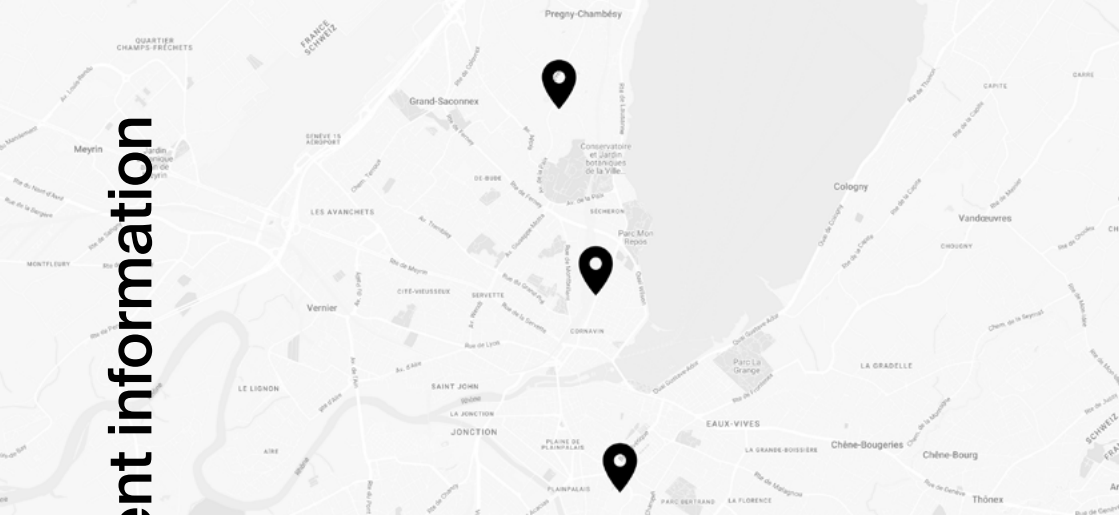
15:30 GROUPS B1 & B2: Posterior approach

GROUPS B3 & B4: Anterior approach

GROUP A: Cases discussions - Participants cases

17:10 *Departure by bus to the airport or to the hotel*

Event information



HOTEL

Hôtel Royal Genève
Rue de Lausanne 41, 1201 Genève

LAB

Swiss Foundation For Innovation and Training in Surgery (SFITS)
Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève (HUG)
Rue Gabrielle-Perret-Gentil 4, 1205 Genève

RESTAURANT

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On Thursday from 11:00 am, a Spineart welcome desk will be set up in the hotel lobby. You will be able to pick up your welcome bag and your scrub for the Friday lab.

We advise you to wear the provided scrub on Friday morning when leaving the hotel to avoid losing lab time.

If you are leaving on Friday, the hotel check out should be made on Friday morning, before departure to the lab.

Depending on your return schedule, you can either take your luggage to the lab or leave it at the hotel. You will be able to pick your preferred bus after the lab to go either directly to the airport or back to the hotel.

The lab is located 15 minutes away from the train station by bus or taxi.



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