Learn More, Research Deeper, Become the Best
Join our global spine care community
Advancing spine care worldwide
AOSpine is the go-to organization when you look for new innovative procedures, up-to-date spinal education and research findings. By joining AOSpine members get access to a tremendous amount of intellectual wealth from the world's most renowned spine experts.

Robert McGuire
AO Foundation President
Join the leading academic community in spine care
Being part of AOSpine means:

• Belonging to the largest spine surgeon network worldwide.

• Having the opportunity to interact with the world’s most renowned experts in the field of spine surgery.

• Attaining access to the latest research and the most innovative educational and faculty development programs, which are based on shared values and the mission to further spine care.

AOSpine stands for commitment to excellence in advancing spine care worldwide.
AOSpine Europe and Southern Africa
Offering a highly-academic platform for surgeons to engage in the leading global spine society

AOSpine Middle East and Northern Africa
Extending borders to share and exchange knowledge, and develop a community of spine surgeons

AOSpine Asia Pacific
Providing premium courses with exceptional faculty members, leading teaching methodology, and a variety of learning channels

Global Professional Network
- International and regional research programs led by key opinion leaders worldwide
- Global Networking: with more than 30,000 surgeons and researchers in the spinal field worldwide
- Global Education: more than 180 educational events and more than 12,000 participants worldwide per year

Global Spine Congress
Toronto from 15 to 18 May 2019

The official scientific journal of AOSpine
I recommend becoming a member of AOSpine because of the worldwide network the organization provides. Through it, you can access knowledge covering everything you need as a spine surgeon — from coaching, to mentoring, and sharing experiences.

Bryan Ashman
AOSpine Education Commission Chairperson
Your AOSpine curriculum for lifelong learning

AOSpine offers an innovative and comprehensive modular curriculum, with tools that are designed to provide continuing professional development throughout all stages of your surgical career.

Every year, AOSpine stages over 180 educational events for more than 12,000 participants around the globe. AOSpine provides surgeons with the opportunity to attain the necessary knowledge and skills to facilitate career progression in six areas of pathology.
Never stop learning, never stop improving

Online education

Interaction, which is central to an educational experience, is a primary focus in AOSpine’s educational offering. We offer a unique and globally recognized online educational program. For a tailor-made, comfortable learning experience, learn online through webinars, webcasts, online forums, and eLearning modules with interactive videos and lectures.

Surgery Reference

This comprehensive, online reference tool was created to make your daily clinical life easier. It comprises the full fracture management process from diagnosis to aftercare, and also assembles relevant AO published material.

Fellowship programs

AOSpine invests heavily in various forms of long and short-term fellowship programs and observation opportunities. AOSpine fellowships provide additional experience in surgical techniques for fully trained orthopedic and neuro surgeons who are interested in spine surgery. The fellowships also help to familiarize surgeons with the principles, indications, planning, techniques, and complications in spine surgery performed at over 70 spine centers worldwide.

Faculty development

Education and training for faculty members is a key element in achieving the learning outcomes of any educational event. Therefore, AOSpine has developed a consistent set of extensive training programs for faculty development, consisting of a series of training courses at progressive levels, which enable interested spine surgeons to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to become an AOSpine faculty member. With the adequate training, these surgeons are able to get involved in the organization and implementation of educational activities and become eligible for roles including faculty, chairperson, or educational advisor at AOSpine educational events.

Mentorship programs

Spinal surgeons at the start of their careers (as attending or staff surgeons) are paired with accomplished peers for a unique educational and professional experience. The program’s syllabus is linked to AOSpine’s educational offerings, and provides the opportunity to interact with a mentor on all aspects of the material. The mentorship program lasts approximately two years.
AOSpine brings specialists in the spine field together to discover, create and disseminate new knowledge. The Knowledge Forums are the hotbed for innovation in spine research, impacting and improving spine care at a global level.

Dino Samartzis
AOSpine Research Commission Chairperson
Research
Research that matters, improving patient care

In AOSpine, we conduct highest quality research and are involved in pioneering research programs with key opinion leaders worldwide.

Clinical research

The AOSpine Knowledge Forums (KFs) are surgeon-driven expert working groups focused on five spine pathologies: tumor, deformity, spinal cord injury (SCI), trauma, and degenerative/biologics disease. The current 30+ ambitious study projects, led by global key opinion leaders, fill gaps in evidence-based medicine. The aim for each pathology is to develop an AOSpine classification, AOSpine staging of the disease, AOSpine treatment guidelines, and AOSpine outcome measures. As a member, you will have exclusive access to the latest advances and outcomes produced by the KFs, which will assist you in your clinical decision-making.
Research training

An important component of AOSpine Research is research education. The specialist training is driven by the regions, with the goal to coach young surgeons to become researchers. This will allow them to participate in global AOSpine research programs, for example as KF associates. The KF associate groups involve regional key opinion leaders, who are selected solely on merit and experience.

Pre-clinical research

The globalized AOSpine pre-clinical research arm identifies unmet clinical needs in AOSpine pathology areas and brings these into the Knowledge Forums for clinical evaluation. AOSpine regions complete the innovation circle, enabling local implementation of study results, from bench to bedside, ultimately for better patient care worldwide.
AOSpine allows me to be connected to surgeons worldwide, and acts as a source of knowledge for current thinking and change in the concepts of spine surgery in other parts of the world.

Shanmuganathan Rajasekaran
AOSpine International Chairperson
Networking
Join the best and become part of our network

If you are interested in learning and interacting with the world’s top spine surgeons, in getting to know about the latest in spine research, and are keen on sharing your knowledge and expertise, then AOSpine is the organization for you.

“I recommend becoming a member of AOSpine, to participate in building the future of our specialty, to meet people and to make friends around the world, and to gain the feeling of being part of a fellowship of like-minded surgeons who give back to the community and specialty.”

Darrel Brodke
AOSpine North America Chairperson

“AOSpine is all about leadership, responsible patient care, a teaching and learning process, and new friends. I recommend the AOSpine membership in order to be actively engaged in a team of educators, scientists, and surgeons who are working to treat patients better by improving knowledge and skills in spine surgery.”

Asdrubal Falavigna
AOSpine Latin America Chairperson
“The AOSpine Membership gives you privileged access to the world’s largest spine community, allows you to stay abreast of the latest advances in spine surgery and ensures the exchange of knowledge at a local, regional and international level and networking opportunities among members for further professional career development.”

Mohammad El-Sharkawi
AOSpine Middle East and Northern Africa Chairperson

“Networking membership means being a part of the best international spine organization in the world! There are unlimited opportunities for lifelong learning, which are offered through a variety of channels and showcase the latest advancements in spine surgery. It’s also a great way to share knowledge and experiences with surgeons in an international environment.”

Giuseppe Barbagallo
AOSpine Europe and Southern Africa Chairperson

“To me, AOSpine membership means connecting to a global network of spine care providers who are passionate about teaching and lifelong learning. I would strongly recommend to become a member of AOSpine and connect to this global network of spine care professionals. You will be energized!”

Chung Chek Wong
AOSpine Asia Pacific Chairperson
AOSpine offers surgeons opportunities beyond that of any other spine society; global reach, outstanding educational offerings and cutting edge, clinically significant research.

Norman Chutkan
AOSpine Community Development Commission Chairperson
Advantages
A membership with lots of privileges

Participate in shaping the future of spine care and become part of our international, like-minded community, with a shared passion for excellence and the same high values.

Newsletter

This members-only newsletter keeps the community connected by offering the latest and most relevant content on education, research activities, and the global spine community. It includes feature interviews and articles on the latest technological innovations, events, call for applications for fellowships, and much more.

AOSpine educational events

Benefit from attractive members-only discounts on the Davos courses, regional courses, and events including the Global Spine Congress, Thematic Symposia, and Master Symposiums.

Reduced membership fee for students, residents, and for surgeons and researchers from low income countries

If you are a young professional at the beginning of your career, you can also join our global community. Students and residents can attain up to a 50% discount by providing a letter of proof from your training program director. Surgeons and researchers living in the low income countries can benefit from a special fixed rate of CHF 20.- for a 1 year AOSpine membership.

Discounts on books and eBooks

Keep your knowledge up-to-date with an extensive library of discounted books featuring surgical techniques, detailed illustrations, and case images.

Online journals

AOSpine Member Plus membership holders have online access to all top rated spine, orthopedic, and trauma journals:

- Spine
- European Spine Journal online
- Journal of Neurosurgery: Spine
- Spine: Affiliated Society Meeting Abstracts
- Journal of Spine Disorders & Techniques
- Journal of Orthopedic Trauma
- Journal of Trauma: Injury, Infection & Critical Care
- Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics
- Current Orthopaedic Practice

Look for this icon in our communications and enjoy your privileges.
Global Spine Congress

This annual meeting is unique in its ways of sharing knowledge and developing new approaches to the treatment of spinal disorders. It offers members an enhanced experience through members-only sessions, led by key opinion leaders and the Members Assembly, where the community takes the leading role.

It’s the only truly international scientific spine congress in the world, and you can be part of it! Submit your abstract and get the chance to present your work to the world’s best spine experts.

Davos courses

The AO Foundation flagship event offers an in-depth program for surgeons, which is directly related to their daily practice. Take part in an extraordinary and ambitious learning experience from Advanced to Master’s Level, and network with global key opinion leaders in an exceptionally inspiring environment. The Davos Courses is the place to learn and make lifelong friendships.
My AOSpine membership allows me to be a part of a **global community of spine surgeons, practitioners, and researchers** who are all committed to improving patients’ lives. AOSpine is the gateway for me to interact with my international colleagues and develop novel ways of education and research. **It is a key component of my practice and professional career.**

*Jeffrey Wang*
Global Spine Congress Chairperson
Join the global leaders in spine surgery

Become a part of the AOSpine community now

**Membership:**

- Member-only newsletter
- Member directory
- Fellowship and mentorship opportunities
- Global Spine Journal publication fee waiver
- Global Spine Journal hardcopy on an opt-in basis
- Special discounts on educational events and Global Spine Congress
- Special discount for students and residents
- Special fixed rate of 20 CHF for surgeons and researchers from low income countries according to the Worl Bank list.
- Discount on books and eBooks
- AOPEER access
- Free access to webinars and videos

**Membership Plus:**

- All member advantages, plus access to the following online journals:
  - European Spine Journal online
  - Journal of Neurosurgery: Spine
  - Spine
  - Spine: Affiliated Society Meeting Abstracts
  - Journal of Spine Disorders & Techniques
  - Journal of Orthopedic Trauma
  - Journal of Trauma: Injury, Infection & Critical Care
  - Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics
  - Current Orthopaedic Practice

We look forward to welcoming you to the AOSpine global community!

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