



Intensive Training Course & 44th International Symposium

for Full-endoscopic Surgery
of the Lumbar, Thoracic
and Cervical Spine



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**Intensive Training Course,
March 15th + 16th, 2018**

Germany – Herne / Essen

Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

The therapy of degenerative diseases of the spine carries with it medical and socio-economic problems. After conservative measures are exhausted and where there are exacerbated pain conditions or neurological deficits, a surgical procedure may become necessary. Despite good therapy results, consecutive damage may ensue due to traumatization. It is therefore of particular importance to optimize these procedures on a continuous basis. The goal we should strive for is the minimization of surgically induced traumatization and negative longterm consequences, taking into account the existing quality standard.

Minimally invasive techniques can reduce tissue damage and its consequences. Endoscopic surgeries demonstrate advantages which have raised these procedures to the standard in various medical areas. On the lumbar spine, as a result of the development of the interlaminar and lateral transforaminal access, the spinal canal with its adjoining structures can be reached full endoscopically. Technical problems have been solved by special rod-lens endoscopes with a large intra-endoscopic working channel and appropriate instruments. Working under a continuous stream of liquid offers options which have proved their worth in arthroscopic surgery through long experience. In the area of the cervical spine anterior or posterior access is possible.



Today, the combination of the new surgical access routes with the technical developments makes possible a full-endoscopic methodology coupled with excellent visibility which, taking into account the indication criteria, carries with it the advantages of a truly minimally invasive procedure and is sufficient, low in complications and economic. Principal indications are disc herniations, spinal canal stenosis and intradiscal procedures such as the introduction of implants.



Full-endoscopic surgeries are an addition and an alternative within the overall concept of spinal surgery. Nevertheless, because of clear indications and boundaries, open and maximally invasive procedures are necessary. These must be mastered by the spinal surgeon in order, while taking into account the respective pathology, to be able to offer the appropriate procedure as well as cope with problems and complications of full-endoscopic surgeries.

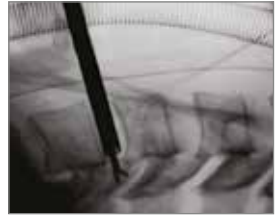
In order to be able to visualize the exact position in the space at any time during the surgery, detailed knowledge of the anatomy is a prerequisite. In addition, for the three-dimensional understanding of the anatomical and pathological structures, the imaginary linking of different imaging procedures and their sectional planes is necessary. This applies in particular to endoscopic techniques in which the direct visual reference between surgical access and working on the spot is lacking.



During the training course we intend, in a reciprocal exchange with yourselves, to try to demonstrate the current and future options as well as problems, risks and complications of full-endoscopic surgeries in the area of the spine. In an environment of practical demonstration where you perform access routines on cadavers yourself, typical practical experience for your

expected learning curve or future clinical application can be gathered. Under intensive tuition by instructors, each participant will perform the various access routines on a practical level and run through special working procedures. For this reason the number of participants is limited. Nevertheless, the training course cannot replace the acquisition of the necessary extensive knowledge.

Having regard to the considerable demand for national and international training courses we hope we have pinpointed your field of interest in the enclosed program and would be happy to welcome you as a participant at our symposium and at the dinner.



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Thursday, March 15th

09:00 h **Welcome and Introduction**

D. Goethel

Intensive Cadaver Training - Part I:

09:15 h **Demonstration of transforaminal access at the lumbar spine**

09:30 h **Practical exercises for participants – Full-endoscopic surgery of the lumbar spine: Extraforaminal / transforaminal access**

Moderation / Instructors: P. Van Daele, J. M. Donoso Azagra, G. Elgeadi Saleh, D. Goethel, V. Kuansongtham, A. Yörükoğlu

12.30 h **Lunch**

Intensive Cadaver Training - Part II:

13:30 h **Demonstration of interlaminar access at the lumbar spine**

14:00 h **Practical exercises for participants – Full-endoscopic surgery of the lumbar spine: Interlaminar access**

Moderation / Instructors: P. Van Daele, J. M. Donoso Azagra, G. Elgeadi Saleh, D. Goethel, V. Kuansongtham, A. Yörükoğlu

16:00 h **Final discussion**

Friday, March 16th

08:30 h **Registration**

09:00 h **Welcome and Introduction**

D. Goethel, M. Komp, S. Oezdemir, S. Ruetten

Lumbar spine:

09:15 h **The transforaminal full-endoscopic approach in disc herniations – Technique and indications of posterolateral to lateral access**

M. Komp, P. Hahn, A. Lienert, S. Oezdemir, S. Ruetten

09:45 h **Discussion**

10:00 h **Live Surgery**

Full-endoscopic surgery with lateral transforaminal access in a disc herniation

M. Komp, S. Oezdemir - Moderation: P. Hahn, S. Ruetten, A. Lienert

Discussion afterwards

10:45 h **Break**

11:00 h **The interlaminar full-endoscopic approach in disc herniations – State of the art, possibilities and limitations**

P. Hahn, M. Komp, A. Lienert, S. Oezdemir, S. Ruetten

11:30 h **Discussion**

11:45 h **Live Surgery**

Full-endoscopic surgery with interlaminar access in a disc herniation

S. Ruetten, S. Oezdemir - Moderation: P. Hahn, M. Komp, A. Lienert

Discussion afterwards

12:30 h **Lunch**

13:15 h **Full-endoscopic decompression in lateral and central stenosis – Application of the interlaminar and transforaminal approach**

M. Komp, P. Hahn, A. Lienert, S. Oezdemir, S. Ruetten

13:45 h **Discussion**

14:00 h **Live Surgery**

Full-endoscopic surgery with interlaminar access in lumbar spinal stenosis

S. Oezdemir, M. Komp - Moderation: P. Hahn, M. Komp, A. Lienert

Discussion afterwards

14:45 h **Break**

Cervical spine:

15:00 h **The full-endoscopic surgery of the cervical spine with anterior and posterior access – Possibilities and limitations**

S. Oezdemir, P. Hahn, M. Komp, A. Lienert, S. Ruetten

Thoracic spine:

15:30 h **Operation of thoracic disc herniations and stenosis in the full-endoscopic technique – interlaminar, extraforaminal and transthoracic access**

S. Oezdemir, P. Hahn, M. Komp, A. Lienert, S. Ruetten

16:00 h **Discussion**

16:15 h **Closing**

D. Goethel, M. Komp, S. Oezdemir, S. Ruetten

19:00 h **Common Dinner**

Speakers / Instructors

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45147 Essen

Language:

All lectures, presentations and discussions will be conducted in **English**.

Conference Location:

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There is a shuttle transfer from your hotel to the training location and back on both days.

Night Event:

Dinner on Friday, 16th March 2018, 19:00 h.

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Registration

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Yes, I will participate in the

44th International Training Course for Full-endoscopic Surgery of the Lumbar, Thoracic and Cervical Spine

on March 15th and 16th, 2018

Symposium with Live Surgery and

Intensive Training EUR 1.750,-*

- Yes, I will participate in the **dinner** on Friday**
- I am vegetarian
- I am allergic to:

* plus VAT

** Transfer and dinner are free of additional fees.

Participant *(please fill out completely)*

Name:

First name:

Title:

Hospital:

Street:

Postcode / Town:

Country:

Tel.:

Fax:

E-Mail:

- Yes, I will use the **shuttle transfer****
Hotel > Training location > Hotel

Because of the limited number of participants only those can be registered, who receive a confirmation from the organization office. You will receive detailed payment information together with the confirmation from our organization office.

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Date

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