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# 2023

17th New York City MIS, Endoscopy, Robotics, 3D Navigation, and Augmented Reality Spine Symposium

DECEMBER 15-16, 2023

In person, hands-on!

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## The Must-Attend MISS Course of the Year

### COURSE DIRECTORS



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Center for Comprehensive Spine Care

Learn the advanced techniques (with and without navigation) for the operative treatment of spinal disorders

Hear proponents and critics of MIS surgery discuss and debate MIS approaches

Acquire skills essential in selecting appropriate patients

Practice the latest techniques, including spinal navigation, using cadavers and state-of-the-art models.

Please join us for this annual must-attend course! Each December, NYC-MISS brings national and international practicing neurosurgeons and orthopedic spine surgeons, fellows, and residents in training to explore minimally invasive spinal surgery techniques and navigation for spinal surgery. The entire agenda is focused on teaching new operative skills and encouraging debate and discussion around MIS spine techniques. Combining didactic and case-based sessions with hands-on cadaveric dissections and learning on state-of-the-art simulation models, the course will equip participants with the skills they need to start utilizing these approaches in their own practices.

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# DAY 1: Friday, December 15, 2023

**LECTURES:**  
**BELFER RESEARCH BUILDING**  
**413 EAST 69TH STREET**  
**NEW YORK, NY 10021**  
(Between York and First Avenues)

7:30-8:00 am

Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibits  
*Belfer Research Building, Second and Third Floors*

8:00-8:10 am

Welcome and Introduction  
*Belfer Research Building, Third Floor*

Roger Härtl, MD, and Luiz Pimenta, MD, PhD



## SESSION I

### Updates on MISS (all talks 10 min with 10 min discussion)

*Belfer Research Building, Third Floor*

8:10-8:20 am  
8:30-8:40 am  
8:50-9:00 am  
9:10-9:20 am  
9:30-9:40 am  
9:50-10:00 am

Single-Position Surgery: State of the Art  
Prone Lateral: Advantages  
Total Navigation: TLIF vs ELIF  
Deformity MISS: Where Are We?  
3D Navigation and MISS  
Optimizing Trans-Kambin Surgery

Frank Phillips, MD  
Luiz Pimenta, MD, PhD  
Roger Härtl, MD  
Neel Anand, MD  
Avelino Parajón, MD  
Muhammad Abd-El-Barr, MD, PhD

10:10-10:30 am

**MORNING BREAK: COFFEE AND EXHIBITS**  
*Belfer Research Building, Second and Third Floors*



## SESSION II

### Breakout Sessions, MISS Cases

*"This is what I did—what would you do?"*

*Belfer Research Building, Second and Third Floors*

10:30 am-12:00 pm

Room 1: Cases From the Masters  
Cases from Themistocles Protopsaltis, Chevy Iyer, Frank Phillips  
Room 2: VR Case Presentations (NonNocere)  
Cases From Roger Härtl, Michael Virk, Ibrahim Hussain, Lynn McGrath, Jr.

Moderator: Luiz Pimenta, MD, PhD  
Moderator: Galal Elsayed, MD



## SESSION III

### Robotics in MISS

*Belfer Research Building, Third Floor*

12:00-12:10 pm  
12:20-12:30 pm  
12:40-12:50 pm

TLIF with the Robot  
New Developments in Robotic Spine Surgery  
Comparison of Accuracy in Robotic Spine Surgery

Sheeraz Qureshi, MD  
Jesus Lafuente, MD  
Ibrahim Hussain, MD

1:00 -1:40 pm

**Working Lunch: Video Cases From the Masters**  
*Belfer Research Building, Third Floor*

Moderator: Rachel Bratescu, MD



## SESSION IV

### MISS Enabling Technologies

*Belfer Research Building, Third Floor*

1:40-1:50 pm  
2:00-2:10 pm  
2:20-2:30 pm  
2:40-2:50 pm  
3:00-3:10 pm  
3:20-3:30 pm

Current and Future State of Robotics  
Thoracic Disc Herniation: MIS and Classification  
Current Status and Future of Spine Endoscopy  
New MIS Devices for Muscle Pain  
How to Incorporate Endoscopy Into Your MISS Practice  
New Directions for Augmented Reality in MISS

Ronald Lehman, Jr., MD  
Juan Uribe, MD  
Christoph Hofstetter, MD, PhD  
Neel Mehta, MD  
Sravisht (Chevy) Iyer, MD  
Roger Härtl, MD



3:40-4:00 pm

AFTERNOON BREAK: COFFEE AND EXHIBITS  
*Belfer Research Building, Second and Third Floors*



## SESSION V Breakout Sessions, MISS Cases *"This is what I did—what would you do?"*

*Belfer Research Building, Second and Third Floor*

4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Room 1: Cases From the Masters  
Cases from Christoph Hofstetter, Juan Uribe, Claudius Thomé  
Room 2: VR Case Presentations (NonNocere)  
Roger Härtl, Michael Virk, Ibrahim Hussain, Lynn McGrath, Jr.

Moderator: Luiz Pimenta, MD, PhD

Moderator: Galal Elsayed, MD



## SESSION VI Socratic Battle: Grade I Spondylolisthesis & Stenosis

*Belfer Research Building, Third Floor*

Moderated by Roger Härtl, MD

5:00-5:10 pm

Fuse It!

Alexander Vaccaro, MD, PhD, MBA

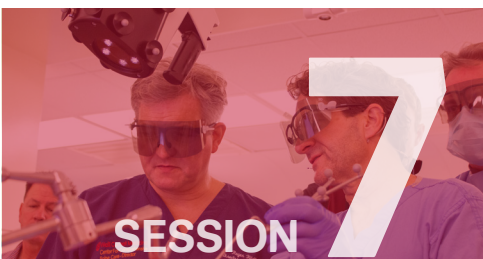
5:10-5:20 pm

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Zoher Ghogawala, MD

5:20-5:40 pm

Q&A



## SESSION VII Special Topics in MISS

*Belfer Research Building, Third Floor*

5:40-5:50 pm

Social Media and MISS

Juan Uribe, MD

6:00-6:10 pm

Annular Closure Techniques in MISS

Claudius Thomé, MD

6:20 pm

Closing Remarks, Surveys, and Adjourn

Roger Härtl, MD

# DAY 2: Saturday, December 16, 2023

7:30-7:45 am

Registration and Breakfast  
*Griffis Faculty Club, 1300 York Avenue*

7:45-8:00 pm

Lab Overview/Instructions

Roger Härtl, MD



## SESSION VIII Techniques and Hands-on Lab

*Anatomy Lab A001 (Basement Level of 1300 York Ave.)*

8:00-2:00 pm

Surgical Demonstrations and Lab Dissections

All Faculty

2:00-3:30 pm

Working Lunch/Mixed Reality Cases (Intravision XR? TBD)  
*Griffis Faculty Club*

Moderators: Galal Elsayed, MD  
Rachel Bratescu, MD

3:30-3:45 pm

Closing Remarks, Surveys, and Adjourn

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## FEES AND REGISTRATION

There is a 20% discount for all registrations received before November 1, 2023

Lecture Series + Hands-on Laboratory Dissection Course

Practicing Neurosurgeons, Orthopedic Spine Surgeons, Other MDs: \$2,500 | Residents/PAs/Fellows (in training): \$1,250

Lectures Only (no access to lab)

Practicing Neurosurgeons, Orthopedic Spine Surgeons, Other MDs: \$750 | Residents/PAs/Fellows (in training): \$400

Discounts available for NYP-affiliated staff; email [neurosurgery-cme@med.cornell.edu](mailto:neurosurgery-cme@med.cornell.edu) for promo code.

Please note this course is NOT available online; there is no streaming option.

## REGISTER ONLINE: [nyc-miss.org](https://nyc-miss.org)

or email [neurosurgery-cme@med.cornell.edu](mailto:neurosurgery-cme@med.cornell.edu) for other registration options. All registrations must be paid in advance.

Please note that this course is NOT accredited for CME.

## REFUND POLICY

An administrative fee will be retained on all cancellations. All refund requests must be in writing and must be made by November 15, 2023. After this date, no refunds are possible.

## INFORMATION

### SUMMARY

This unique annual course provides a comprehensive overview of new and less invasive techniques with and without stereotactic navigation for the operative treatment of spinal disorders. Proponents and critics of MIS surgery will discuss the pros and cons of MIS approaches, establishing the skills essential in selecting appropriate patients for MIS surgery. Practical sessions will allow the participant to apply the latest spinal techniques, including spinal navigation, both in cadavers and in state-of-the-art simulator models. Combining didactic and case-based sessions with hands-on cadaveric dissections, the course will equip participants with the skills they need to start utilizing these approaches in their own practices. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss difficult cases with the faculty during the Q&A and case presentation sessions. We will discuss in detail the six "T's" of MIS surgery.

### PRACTICE GAPS

Minimally invasive spinal surgery techniques and navigation for spinal surgery are rapidly evolving. This course will teach and update spine surgeons on the current surgical techniques and will provide up-close views of advanced new techniques. Traditional spinal surgery carries a risk for injury to back muscles and is associated with significant blood loss, long hospital stays, and extended recovery times. Recent reports on less invasive spinal surgery indicate that minimally invasive spinal surgery reduces these downsides. Minimally invasive surgery and navigation are rapidly evolving and include technically demanding techniques that require extensive training and education.

### EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

It is intended that this course will lead to improved patient care, including improvements in knowledge, competence, or performance. At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify the anatomy and radiology of spinal and paraspinal structures
- Determine which types of pathology are amenable to minimally invasive spinal surgery
- Be familiar with state-of-the-art minimally invasive surgery used in these approaches
- Recognize the principles of stereotactic spinal navigation and its use for minimally invasive spinal procedures
- Debate on the pros and cons of MIS approaches and election of patients for MIS surgery

### TARGET AUDIENCE—NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

This course is intended for local, regional, national, and international practicing neurosurgeons and orthopedic spine surgeons, fellows, and residents in training. We welcome internal WCM, Columbia, and NYP providers as well as other specialty physicians from neurology, neurological surgery, general surgery, and orthopedics at private practices, clinical sites, and academic institutions worldwide.

**THIS COURSE IS NOT ACCREDITED FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) CREDIT**

## Don't Miss Our Summer Master Class



We held our first summer Master Class in 2023 and look forward to the 2024 class! Sign up for email notifications at [nyc-miss.org](https://nyc-miss.org)

## The 6 T's of Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery

**Target:** appropriate patient and procedure selection

**Technology:** specialized technology that enables or facilitates MISS

**Technique:** surgical skills and perioperative techniques and procedures

**Training:** adequate training and teaching of the surgeon and collaborating team and trainees

**Testing:** critical review and testing of surgical outcomes (research)

**Talent:** development of surgical talent

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