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.
## DAY 1: Friday, December 15, 2023

### SESSION I  
**Updates on MISS (all talks 10 min with 10 min discussion)**  
*Belfer Research Building, Third Floor*

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**Breakout Sessions, MISS Cases**  
*"This is what I did—what would you do?"*  
*Belfer Research Building, Second and Third Floors*

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**Robotics in MISS**  
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<td>Sheeraz Qureshi, MD</td>
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<td>New Developments in Robotic Spine Surgery</td>
<td>Jesus Lafuente, MD</td>
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<td>Comparison of Accuracy in Robotic Spine Surgery</td>
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**MISS Enabling Technologies**  
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<td>Ronald Lehman, Jr, MD</td>
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<td>Current Status and Future of Spine Endoscopy</td>
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<td>How to Incorporate Endoscopy Into Your MISS Practice</td>
<td>Sravisht (Chevy) Iyer, MD</td>
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<td>New Directions for Augmented Reality in MISS</td>
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SESSION V

**Breakout Sessions, MISS Cases**

*“This is what I did—what would you do?”*

- **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*

- **5:00-5:10 pm** Fuse It!
- **5:10-5:20 pm** Only Decompress
- **5:20-5:40 pm** Q&A

Moderated by Roger Härtl, MD
Alexander Vaccaro, MD, PhD, MBA
Zoher Ghogawala, MD

SESSION VII

**Special Topics in MISS**

*Belfer Research Building, Third Floor*

- **5:40-5:50 pm** Social Media and MISS
- **6:00-6:10 pm** Annular Closure Techniques in MISS
- **6:20 pm** Closing Remarks, Surveys, and Adjourn

Juan Uribe, MD
Claudius Thomé, MD
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)*
  - Moderators: Galal Elsayed, MD
  - Rachel Bratescu, MD

- **3:30-3:45 pm** Closing Remarks, Surveys, and Adjourn
  - Roger Härtl, MD
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.

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:

a. Identify the anatomy and radiology of spinal and paraspinal structures
b. Determine which types of pathology are amendable to minimally invasive spinal surgery
c. Be familiar with state-of-the-art minimally invasive surgery used in these approaches
d. Recognize the principles of stereotactic spinal navigation and its use for minimally invasive spinal procedures
e. 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

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): $1250

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

REGISTER ONLINE: nyc-miss.org
or email neurosurgery-cme@med.cornell.edu for other registration options. All registrations must be paid in advance.
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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

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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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
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