

# Educational Events 2025



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# AO Spine Europe and South Africa Course Calendar 2025

AO Spine provides accredited and high-quality educational activities to thousands of surgeons and health care professionals each year.

This is a summary of upcoming events in the region. Please note that the information in this document is subject to change. Check our website for the most actual event information.

Registration and details for all AO Spine events including webinars, congress, symposia, and any education activities not listed here can be found online at the course and event finder on our website.

**Please click on course title to be directed online to the course page website, or scan the QR code on the back page of this brochure.**

| Principles Courses        |                                      |                                                                                                                                        |
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| June 4   French           | HEGP Paris, France                   | <a href="#">AO Spine Hospital Based Seminar—Myélopathie cervicale (devant/derrière)</a>                                                |
| June 13   Italian         | Turin, Italy                         | <a href="#">AO Spine Hospital Based Seminar—Metastasi spinali: stato dell'arte nell'era della Precision Medicine</a>                   |
| June 20   Italian         | Bologna, Italy                       | <a href="#">AO Spine Seminario - Spondilolistesi degenerativa dell'adulto-anziano: fondere, o non fondere?</a>                         |
| September 1–30   English  | Online, 08:00-20:00 CET (UTC +01:00) | <a href="#">AO Spine Webinar—Spondylolisthesis Types, Management, and Debates</a>                                                      |
| September 1–28   Spanish  | Bilbao, Spain                        | <a href="#">AO Spine Local Seminar - HBS1</a>                                                                                          |
| September 1   French      | Online, 18:00-19:00 CET (UTC +01:00) | <a href="#">AO Spine Principles Webinar—Malformations de la JVC</a>                                                                    |
| September 4   French      | Online, 18:00-19:00 CET (UTC +01:00) | <a href="#">AO Spine Principles Webinar—Spondylodiscite</a>                                                                            |
| September 22   Italian    | Rome, Italy                          | <a href="#">AO Spine Local Seminar—Fratture Vertebrali Toraco-Lombari: Diagnosi, Trattamento Chirurgico e Innovazioni Tecnologiche</a> |
| October 1–31   Portuguese | Porto, Portugal                      | <a href="#">AO Spine Local Seminar - HBS2</a>                                                                                          |
| October 2–3   English     | Krakow, Poland                       | <a href="#">AO Spine Principles Course—Management of Spinal Fractures in Cervical Spine</a>                                            |
| October 3   English       | Cape Town, South Africa              | <a href="#">AO Spine Advanced Seminar: Cervical Trauma</a>                                                                             |
| October 9   French        | Strasbourg, France                   | <a href="#">AO Spine Hospital Based Seminar—Prothèses : sélection des patients</a>                                                     |
| October 13–14   English   | Frankfurt, Germany                   | <a href="#">AO Spine Course—Deformity: Key Concepts and Techniques</a>                                                                 |

## Principles Courses

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| October 16–17   English | Ljubljana, Slovenia        | <a href="#">AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course—Sagittal Balance</a>                               |
| October 17   English    | Bloemfontein, South Africa | <a href="#">AO Hospital Base Seminar- Approach to Cervical Spine Trauma</a>                            |
| October 22–23   English | Vilnius, Lithuania         | <a href="#">AO Spine Principles Level Seminar—Spinopelvic Balance and Spine-Pelvis-Hip Interaction</a> |
| November 1   German     | Zürich, Switzerland        | <a href="#">AO Spine Basis Seminar — Fallbasierter Facharztprüfung-Vorbereitungskurs</a>               |
| November 8–9   English  | Birmingham, United Kingdom | <a href="#">AO Spine Principles Level Course—Pediatric Deformity</a>                                   |

## Advanced Courses

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| June 5   French           | Nancy, France                         | <a href="#">AO Spine Symposium—Rachis cervical dégénératif : dépasser le débat ACDF contre laminectomie</a>                     |
| June 17   English         | Online, 18:00-19:00 CEST (UTC +02:00) | <a href="#">AO Spine Regional Webinar—Prevention of surgical site infections in spine surgery</a>                               |
| June 25–27   English      | Zürich-Oerlikon, Switzerland          | <a href="#">AO Spine zu Gast beim 85. Jahreskongress der swiss Orthopaedics 2025</a>                                            |
| September 9   English     | Online, 18:00-19:00 CEST (UTC +02:00) | <a href="#">AO Spine Regional Webinar—Oblique Lumbar interbody fusion (OLIF): Indications and surgical technique</a>            |
| September 11–12   English | Bern, Switzerland                     | <a href="#">AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course—Complex degenerative pathologies: Current concept and future directions</a> |
| September 19   English    | Budapest, Hungary                     | <a href="#">AO Spine Advanced Seminar—Spinal Infections; Recognition, Prevention, Treatment</a>                                 |
| October 1–30   English    | Online, 08:00-20:00 CET (UTC +01:00)  | <a href="#">AO Spine Webinar—AO Guidelines on Management of SCI</a>                                                             |
| October 14   English      | Online, 18:00-19:00 CEST (UTC +02:00) | <a href="#">AO Spine Regional Webinar—Treatment algorithm of osteoporotic vertebral fractures</a>                               |
| October 23   English      | Copenhagen, Denmark                   | <a href="#">AO Spine Advanced Symposium—TBD. Eurospine</a>                                                                      |
| October 24–26   English   | Larissa, Greece                       | <a href="#">AO Spine Symposium—Title to be Defined. 18th Annual Congress of the Hellenic Spine Society</a>                      |
| October 27–28   Italian   | Bologna, Italy                        | <a href="#">AO Spine Corso Avanzato— Tumori ed Infezioni</a>                                                                    |
| November 1–30   English   | Online, 08:00-20:00 CET (UTC +01:00)  | <a href="#">AO Spine Webinar—Inflammatory conditions of the cranio-cervical junction</a>                                        |
| November 13   English     | Online, 18:00-19:00 CEST (UTC +02:00) | <a href="#">AO Spine Webinar—Pediatric Deformities: Management Strategies in Early Onset Scoliosis</a>                          |
| November 16   Portuguese  | Porto, Portugal                       | <a href="#">AO Spine Symposium—SILACO congress</a>                                                                              |
| November 18–19   English  | München, Germany                      | <a href="#">AO Spine Advanced Seminar—Intra-Dural Pathologies and Beyond</a>                                                    |

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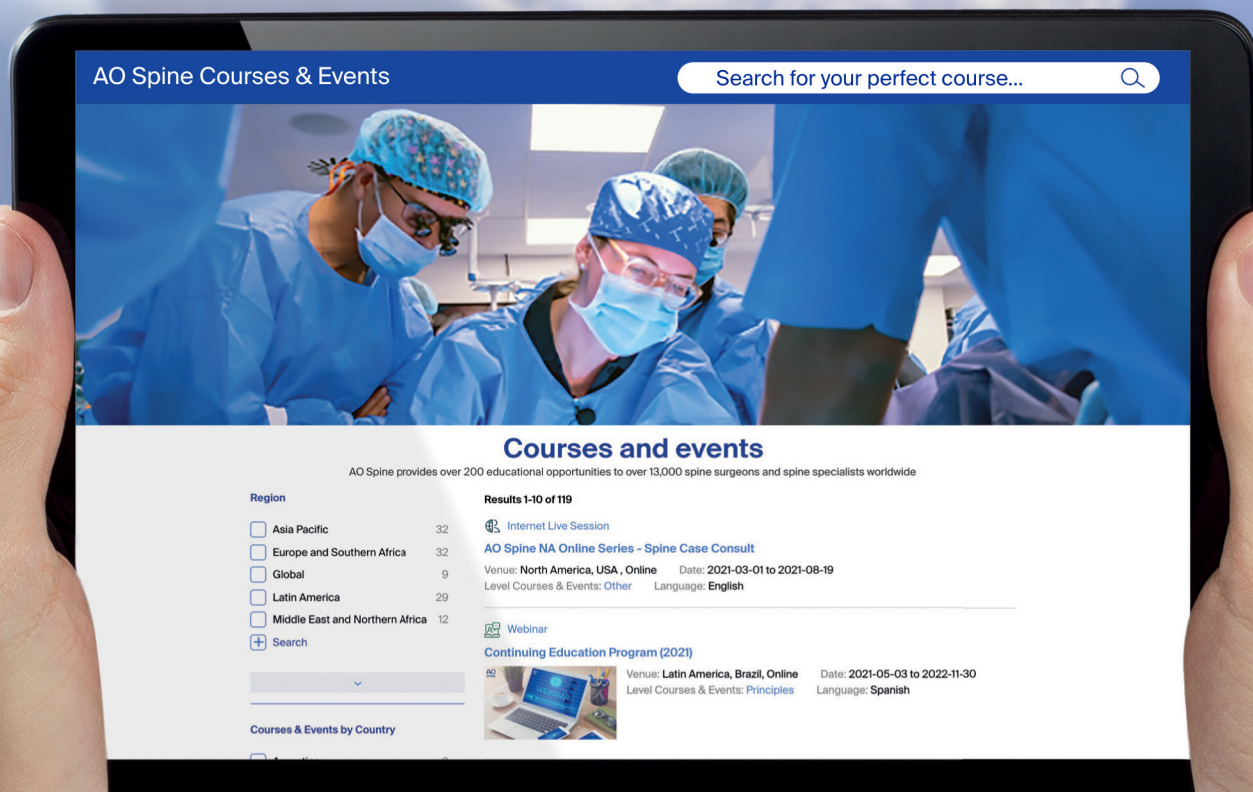
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| November 18   English       | Online, 18:00-19:00 CET (UTC +01:00) | <a href="#">AO Spine Regional Webinar—AO Spine upper cervical injury classification: A comprehensive explanation with case examples</a>                 |
| November 30–Dec 2   English | Davos, Switzerland                   | <a href="#">AO Spine Advanced Course—Degenerative Lumbar Spine: From MIS Fusion to Complex Deformity and Revision (With Human Anatomical Specimens)</a> |
| November 30–Dec 3   English | Davos, Switzerland                   | <a href="#">AO Spine Course—Mastering Fundamental Techniques in Spine Surgery</a>                                                                       |
| December 1–3   English      | Davos, Switzerland                   | <a href="#">AO Spine Advanced Course—Cervical Spine: Dealing with Complex, Revision and Deformity Problems (With Human Anatomical Specimens)</a>        |
| December 9   English        | Online, 18:00-19:00 CET (UTC +01:00) | <a href="#">AO Spine Regional Webinar—Back pain in adolescents: differential diagnosis</a>                                                              |

## Masters Courses

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| June 2–3   English | Utrecht, Netherlands | <a href="#">AO Spine Masters Level Specimen Course—Minimal Invasive Decompression and Instrumentation of the Thoracolumbar Spine</a> |
| July 3–4   English | Berlin, Germany      | <a href="#">AO Spine Regional Masters Level Course Spinal Tumors</a>                                                                 |



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