

Educational Events 2026-2027



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AO Spine Europe and South Africa Course Calendar 2026-2027

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.

2026 Courses		
August 27 English	Lucerne, Switzerland	AO Spine Advanced Symposium—SGS
September 1 English	Online, 18:00-19:00	AO Spine FUNDAMENTALS Webinar Series—10 Steps to Success in Spine Surgery - ALIF
September 1–30 Turkish	Online, 19:00-21:00	AO Spine Local Online Seminar—Adult Spinal Deformity
September 1 Portuguese	TBD, Portugal	AO Spine Local Seminar 1
September 4 English	Budapest, Hungary	AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course—Risk Assessment in Adult Spinal Deformity Management
September 10–11 English	Hamburg, Germany	AO Spine Principles Level Specimen Course—Operative Techniques of the Spine
September 18 Romanian	Braşov, Romania	AO Spine Symposium—Cervical Trauma at Congress of Romanian Society of Neurosurgery
September 18–19 English	Krakow, Poland	AO Spine Advanced Seminar—Complications in Cervical and Thoracolumbar Spine (case-based)
September 24 English	Online, 19:00-20:00	AO Spine RESEARCH Webinar Series—Spotlight on Southern Africa: research in the region
September 24 Italian	Catania, Italy	AO Spine simposio @ congresso SINch—Le infezioni in chirurgia vertebrale: Lo stato dell'arte
September 28 Spanish	Barcelona, Spain	AO Spine Local Seminar—HBS2
October 1 Italian	TBD, Italy	AO Spine Italy - HBS 3
October 1 Spanish	Valencia, Spain	AO Spine Local Seminar—HBS3

2026 Courses

October 1–31 English	Online, 20:00-21:00	AO Spine Advanced Webinar—Degenerative Spine Deformity
October 1 Portuguese	TBD, Portugal	AO Spine Local Seminar 2
October 8 English	Online, 18:00-19:00	AO Spine ADVANCED Webinar Series—
October 16 English	Port Elizabeth / Gqeberha, South Africa	AO Spine HBS - Approach to Back Pain and Infection
October 16–17 English	Maribor, Slovenia	AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course—Cervical Spine
October 21 German	Berlin, Germany	AO Spine Symposium @DKOU 2026-Posttraumatische Deformitäten der Wirbelsäule-Erkennen, bewerten, korrigieren
October 27–28 English	Madrid, Spain	AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course—Cervical Trauma
October 28–29 English	Madrid, Spain	AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course: Endoscopic and Lateral Lumbar Fusion – New Approaches to Classical Techniques
October 29–30 English	Zürich, Switzerland	AO Spine Course—Deformity: Advanced Techniques and Complex Cases
November 1 Italian	TBD, Italy	AO Spine Italy - HBS 4
November 3 English	Online, 18:00-19:00	AO Spine FUNDAMENTALS Webinar Series—10 Steps to Success in Spine Surgery - C1/2 Fusion
November 6 English	Bologna, Italy	AO Spine Masters Seminar—Cervical degeneration
November 7 German	Zürich, Switzerland	AO Spine Seminar — Fallbasierter Facharztprüfung-Vorbereitungskurs
November 11 Hebrew	Tel Aviv, Israel	AO Spine Local Seminar—Adult Spine Deformity
November 13 English	Online, 18:00-19:00	AO Spine Webinar South Africa—Spinal Tumors
November 17 English	Online, 18:00-19:00	AO Spine ADVANCED Webinar Series—
November 18 Italian	Milan, Italy	AO Spine Italy - Seminario Locale - Gestione delle Fratture Vertebrali: Principi di Classificazione e Trattamento
December 1–31 Turkish	tbd, Türkiye	AO Spine Hospital Based Seminar—Thoracolumbar Trauma
December 10 German	Nürnberg, Germany	AO Spine Symposium @DWG Kongress 2026
December 12 English	Budapest, Hungary	"AI in spine surgery - evidence, possibilities, drawbacks"

2027 Courses

January 11 Turkish	Online, Türkiye	AO Spine Local Online Seminar—Osteosarcopenia: the big Challenge Ahead of Spine Surgery-ME
February 4–5 English	Tampere, Finland	AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course—Posterior Cervical Spine Stabilisation, Decompression and Correction of Deformity

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February 9–10 Spanish	Madrid, Spain	AO Spine Course—Deformity: Key Concepts and Techniques
February 25–26 English	Halle (Saale), Germany	AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course—Axial Skeleton Injuries
March 4–6 English	Krakow, Poland	AO Spine Course—Spinal Trauma: Key Concepts and Techniques
March 11 English	Bern, Switzerland	AO Spine Symposium @ Neurospine: Beyond Blame—Understanding Why Fusion Fails. Bad Construct, Bad Host, or Bad Bug?
March 13 English	Porto, Portugal	AO Spine Advanced symposium @SPPCV
March 17 English	Cape Town, South Africa	AO Spine HBS - Thoracolumbar Trauma
March 18–19 English	Riga, Latvia	AO Spine Seminar—Endoscopic/MISS Techniques in Mild Degenerative Lumbar Changes
March 19–20 English	Ljubljana, Slovenia	AO Spine Principles Level Specimen Course—The Basics of Spine Surgery
April 1 English	TBC, United Kingdom	AO Spine Symposium—BASS
April 1 Portuguese	TBD, Portugal	AO Spine Local Seminar 1
April 7 English	Online, 08:00-16:00	AO Spine Webinar—Lumbar Endoscopic
April 9–11 English	Istanbul, Türkiye	AO Spine Course—Deformity: Key Concepts and Techniques
April 10–11 Italian	Pacengo di Lazise, Italy	AO Spine Corso Avanzato—Endoscopia spinale
April 12 English	Pacengo di Lazise, Italy	AO Spine Masters Seminar—Complications in the Cervical Spine
April 13 English	Pacengo di Lazise, Italy	AO Spine Masters Seminar—Revision and complications in thoracic and lumbar degeneration and deformity
April 14–15 Italian	Pacengo di Lazise, Italy	AO Spine Course—Spinal Trauma: Key Concepts and Techniques
April 15 English	Iasi, Romania	AO Spine Local Seminar—Osteoporotic fractures
April 16–17 English	Pacengo di Lazise, Italy	AO Spine Course—Spinal Trauma: Advanced Techniques and Complex Cases (With Human Anatomical Specimens)
April 16–17 English	Anthering bei Salzburg, Austria	AO Spine Principles Course—Degeneration and Trauma: Decision Training, Hands-on and Complication Management
April 21 English	Online, 08:00-16:00	AO Spine Webinar Nordics—EOS- where are we today
April 26 English	Zurich, Switzerland	AO Spine Symposium @ ECTES: Pathological fractures of the spine
May 1–31 English	TBD, Greece	AO Spine Symposium—TBD. 20th Annual Congress of the Hellenic Spine Society
May 13–14 English	Leiden, Netherlands	AO Spine Principles Level Specimen Course—Decompression and Instrumentation of the Spine

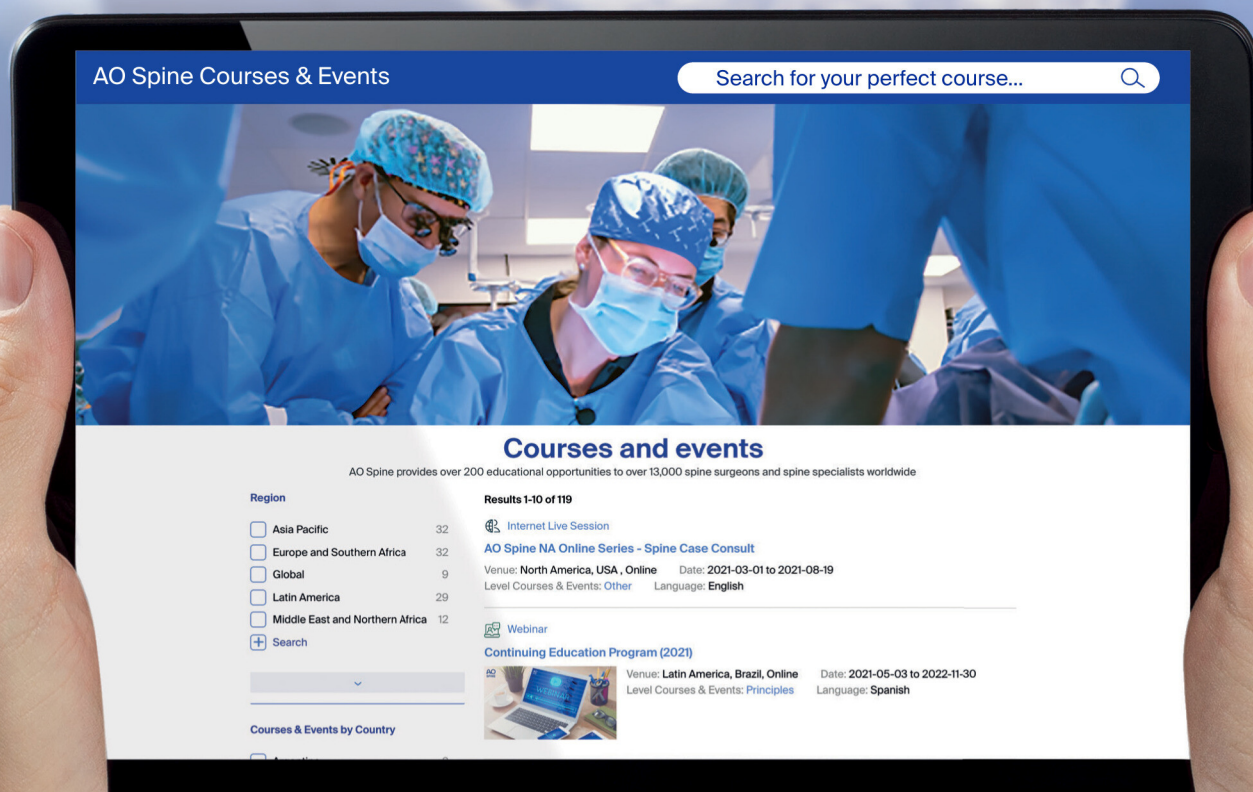
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May 14 Italian	Napoli, Italy	AO Spine simposio—SICV&GIS
May 27–28 English	Newcastle, United Kingdom	AO Spine Course—Spinal Trauma: Advanced Techniques and Complex Cases (With Human Anatomical Specimens)
June 1 Italian	TBD, Italy	AO Spine Local Seminar 1
June 1–30 Spanish	TBD, Spain	AO Spine Symposium—GEER
June 4–5 English	Bern, Switzerland	AO Spine Principles Level Specimen Course—From Freehand to Robotics
June 10–12 French	Marseille, France	AO Spine Congress SFCR
June 11–12 English	Athens, Greece	AO Spine Advanced Seminar—Diagnosis and Treatment of Spine Tumors
June 16 English	Johannesburg, South Africa	AO Spine HBS - Thoracolumbar Trauma
June 16–17 English	Hamburg, Germany	AO Spine Regional Masters Level Specimen Course—Spinal Tumors
June 18–19 English	Porto, Portugal	AO Spine Course—Degeneration: Key Concepts and Techniques (With Human Anatomical Specimens)
June 22–23 English	Nazareth, Israel	AO Spine Principles Course—Trauma and Degenerative (Lumbar and Cervical)
June 24 English	TBD, Switzerland	AO Spine Advanced Symposium—SGO
July 1 Italian	TBD, Italy	AO Spine Local Seminar 2
August 24 English	TBD, Switzerland	AO Spine Advanced Symposium—SGS
September 1–30 Romanian	tbd, Romania	AO Spine Symposium—TBD. Congress of Romanian Society of Neurosurgery
September 1 Italian	TBD, Italy	AO Spine Local Seminar 3
September 1 Portuguese	TBD, Portugal	AO Spine Local Seminar 2
September 3–4 English	Bern, Switzerland	AO Spine Course—Degeneration: Advanced Techniques and Complex Cases (With Human Anatomical Specimens)
September 9–10 English	Salzburg, Austria	AO Spine DACH Advanced Level Specimen Course—Anterior Spine Surgery and Approaches
September 13 Turkish	Online, Türkiye	AO Spine Local Online Seminar—Degenerative (MIS)-MISS
September 24 Italian	TBD, Italy	AO Spine simposio—SINch
October 1 Italian	TBD, Italy	AO Spine Local Seminar 4
October 1–31 English	Barcelona, Spain	AO Spine Course—Deformity: Advanced Techniques and Complex Cases
October 7–8 English	Leiden, Netherlands	AO Spine Course—Spinal Trauma: Advanced Techniques and Complex Cases (With Human Anatomical Specimens)

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October 8–9 English	Budapest, Hungary	AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course—What Happens Beyond the Keyhole - MISS
October 14–15 English	Porto, Portugal	AO Spine Masters Seminar—Revision surgery
October 15–16 English	Cape Town, South Africa	AO Spine Course—Advanced MISS Techniques (With Human Anatomical Specimens)
October 16–17 English	Sheffield, United Kingdom	AO Spine Course—Spinal Trauma: Key Concepts and Techniques
October 22–23 Italian	Cremona, Italy	AO Spine course—Anterior and posterior approaches to the cervical spine: Technique, anatomy and complications
October 27 German	Berlin, Germany	AO Spine Symposium— @DKOU 2027
November 1 English	TBC, United Kingdom	AO Spine Symposium—BOTA
November 1 Italian	TBD, Italy	AO Spine Local Seminar 5
November 3 Italian	Bari TBD, Italy	AO Spine & AO Trauma simposio—SIOT
November 4–5 English	Göttingen, Germany	AO Spine Advanced Level Specimen Course—Future Spine Surgery, Navigation Robotic, Imaging
November 6 German	Zürich, Switzerland	AO Spine Basis Seminar — Fallbasierter Facharztprüfung-Vorbereitungskurs
November 10 English	Online, 08:00-16:00	AO Spine Webinar—Cervical Spine Trauma
November 17 English	Durban, South Africa	AO Spine HBS - Thoracolumbar Trauma
November 20 Turkish	Samsun, Türkiye	AO Spine Local Seminar—How to Overcome Adjacent Segment Disease and Pseudoarthrosis-DD and ST
November 25 German	Wiesbaden, Germany	AO Spine Symposium DWG
December 1–31 French	Paris, France	AO Spine Hospital Based Seminar—HBS

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