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# Neuro Spine #15

The Degenerative Cervical Spine  
Neck & Shoulder

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# Welcome to the 15<sup>th</sup> NeuroSpine Meeting

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are pleased to welcome you to the 15<sup>th</sup> NeuroSpine Meeting at the Kursaal in Bern.

NeuroSpine is the official Spine Course of the Swiss Society of Neurosurgery (SSNS), endorsed by the Swiss Society of Spinal Surgery (SGS) and the Swiss Federation of Clinical Neuro-Societies (SFCNS).

The focus on this years' meeting is:

## **The Degenerative Cervical Spine - Neck & Shoulder**

The scientific program covers presentations addressing questions and challenges of daily practice, including basic and clinical research.

In addition to the main sessions, the program features again two joint sessions:

- **AO Spine Switzerland**
- **EANS Spine Section**

These sessions aim to reinforce the international scope of the conference.

Please don't miss to engage with the sponsors, expand professional networks and share knowledge and enthusiasm.

Welcome to Bern!



**Prof. Enrico Tessitore, MD**  
Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee



**PD Gregory Jost, MD**  
Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee

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# General Information

Date	Thursday, March 12, 2026		
Venue	Kursaal Bern   Room "Aare" Kornhausstrasse 3   3013 Bern www.kursaal-eventlocation.ch		
Website	neurospine2026.congress-imk.ch		
Audience	The NeuroSpine meeting is designed for neurosurgeons and orthopedic surgeons with a strong interest in spine surgery, as well as anesthesiologists, neurologists, rheumatologists, interventional radiologists, chiropractors, physiotherapists and osteopaths.		
Scientific Committee	Prof. Enrico Tessitore, MD, Geneva (Co-Chair Scientific Committee) PD Gregory Jost, MD, Biel (Co-Chair Scientific Committee)		
Credits	Swiss Society of Neurosurgery   SSNS	<b>8 credits</b>	
	Swiss Neurological Society   SNS	<b>8 credits</b>	
	Swiss Orthopaedics	<b>6 credits</b>	
	ChiroSuisse	<b>6 credits</b>	
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	Swiss Society for Rheumatology   SGR / SSR	<b>4 credits</b>	
	Swiss Society of Radiology   SGR / SSR	<b>Credits for extended continuing training (on request)</b>	
President SSNS	Prof. Oliver Bozinov, MD, St.Gallen		
Registration Fees (CHF)		<b>Early Bird until February 19, 2026</b>	<b>From February 20, 2026</b>
	Member physicians SSNS	200	250
	Non-member physicians	250	300
	Residents	100	150
	Prices in CHF and subject to modifications		
Cancellation Policy	All cancellations must be submitted in writing via email to <b>IMK</b> . Cancellations received by February 11, 2026: A 50% refund will be issued. Cancellations received on or after February 12, 2026: No refund will be granted.		
Registration Fees Include	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participation in all scientific sessions</li><li>• Entrance to the exhibition</li><li>• Refreshments as per times indicated in the program</li><li>• Confirmation of participation (sent via email after the congress)</li></ul>		
Professional Congress Organizer (PCO)	<b>IMK</b> Institute for medicine and communication Ltd Münsterberg 1   4001 Basel Phone +41 61 561 53 53 www.imk.ch   congress@imk.ch		

# Morning Sessions

08:45-09:00

## Welcome address

Enrico Tessitore, Geneva | Gregory Jost, Biel

09:00-10:15

## Session I: Cervical Research & Novelties

**Chairs:** Gregory Jost, Biel | Oliver Hausmann, Lucerne

09:00-09:20

### Opening keynote lecture: Evaluating fusion and stability in the cervical spine: new insights in a practical and clinical approach

Carmen Vleggeert-Langkamp, Leiden, NL

09:20-09:40

### Virtual Reality for surgery of the cervical spine

Giuseppe Barbagallo, Catania, IT

09:40-10:00

### Sagittal balance of the cervical spine

Alexandra Grob, Zurich

10:00-10:15

### Questions & Answers

10:15-10:45

Coffee Break

10:45-12:00

## Session II: Neck & Shoulder

**Chair:** Alexander Mameghani, Baden | Gianluca Maestretti, Fribourg

10:45-11:05

### Shoulder pathologies mimicking neck pain: how do I know it's the shoulder

Michael Schär, Bern

11:05-11:25

### C-spine pathologies mimicking shoulder pain: how do I know it's the spine

Pedro Berjano, Milano, IT

11:25-11:45

### How to reeducate shoulder and neck problems? With or without surgery

Michael Norberg, Lavey-les-Bains

11:45-12:00

### Questions & Answers

12:00-13:00

Lunch

# Afternoon Sessions

13:00-14:15

## **Session III: Joint NeuroSpine-EANS Session 2026** **The cervical spine**

**Chairs:** Enrico Tessitore, Geneva | Ralph Schär, Bern

13:00-13:20

### **Sci-poem study**

Giuseppe Barbagallo, Catania, IT

13:20-13:40

### **Novel concepts in degenerative cervical myelopathy**

Aria Nouri, Geneva

13:40-14:00

### **Central Cord Syndrome**

Ralph Schär, Bern

14:00-14:15

### **Questions & Answers**

14:15-15:15

## **Session IV: Joint NeuroSpine-AO Spine Session 2026** **Revision Surgery in the Cervical Spine**

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**Chairs:** Raluca Reitmeir, Zurich | Christoph Albers, Bern

14:15-14:30

### **Challenges of deformity correction in cervical revision surgery**

Pedro Berjano, Milano, IT

14:30-14:45

### **Management of complications in cervical spine surgeries**

Markus Loibl, Zurich

14:45-15:00

### **Outcomes of cervical revision surgeries**

Luca Papavero, Hamburg, DE

15:00-15:15

### **Questions & Answers**

15:15-15:45

Coffee Break

15:45-16:45

## **Session V: Case-debate: Fusion versus Motion Preservation in Cervical spine**

**Moderator:** Robert H. Andres, Bern

15:45-16:30

### **Panel of experts**

- Case presenter: Granit Molliqaj, Geneva
- Debate animated by the moderator
- Pro fusion: Martin Stienen, St. Gallen
- Pro prothesis: Jean-Yves Lazennec, Paris / Saint-Cloud
- Case solution: Granit Molliqaj, Geneva

16:30-16:45

### **Questions & Answers**

16:45

### **Closing Remarks**

Enrico Tessitore, Geneva | Gregory Jost, Biel

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# NeuroSpine Meeting 2027

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March 11–12, 2027  
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In 2027 the NeuroSpine Meeting will take place as part of the SSNS Annual Congress 2027.

# Speakers and Chairs

**Prof. Christoph Albers, MD**

Inselspital Bern, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Bern

**PD Robert H. Andres, MD**

Hirslanden Klinik, Praxis für Neurochirurgie, Bern

**Prof. Giuseppe Barbagallo, MD**

Azienda Ospedaliero Universitaria Policlinico, Neurochirurgia, Catania, Milan, IT

**Pedro Berjano, MD**

Ortho-Spine, Orthopedic Spine Surgery, Monza, Milan, IT

**Alexandra Grob, MD**

Universitätsspital Zürich, Klinik für Neurochirurgie, Zürich

**Prof. Oliver Hausmann, MD**

Hirslanden Klinik St. Anna, Klinik für Neuro- und Wirbelsäulen Chirurgie Zentralschweiz, Luzern

**PD Gregory Jost, MD**

Spitalzentrum Biel AG, Spinale Chirurgie, Biel

**Prof. Jean-Yves Lazennec, MD**

Clinique du Val d'Or, Chirurgie Orthopédique et Traumatologique, Paris, Saint-Cloud, FR

**Prof. Markus Loibl, MD**

Schulthess Klinik, Wirbelsäulen Chirurgie, Zürich

**Prof. Gianluca Maestretti, MD**

HFR - Hôpital Cantonal Fribourgeois, Chirurgie orthopédique, Fribourg

**Alexander Mameghani, MD**

Kantonsspital Baden, Wirbelsäulen Chirurgie, Baden

**Prof. Granit Molligai, MD**

HUG - Hôpitaux Universitaires Genève, Service de Neurochirurgie, Genève

**Michael Norberg, MD**

Lavey Médical SA, Orthopaedic Surgery, Lavey-les-Bains

**Aria Nouri, MD**

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**Prof. Luca Papavero, MD**

Schön Klinik Hamburg Eilbek, Neurochirurgie, Hamburg, DE

**Raluca Reitmeir, MD, PhD**

Schulthess Klinik, Wirbelsäulen Chirurgie, Zürich

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Inselspital Bern, Universitätsklinik für Orthopädische Chirurgie und Traumatologie, Bern

**Prof. Ralph Schär, MD**

Inselspital Bern, Wirbelsäulen Chirurgie, Bern

**Prof. Martin Stienen, MD**

HOCH Health Ostschweiz, Neurochirurgie, Wirbelsäulenzentrum, St. Gallen

**Prof. Enrico Tessitore, MD**

HUG - Hôpitaux Universitaires Genève, Service de Neurochirurgie, Genève

**Prof. Carmen Vleggeert-Lankamp, MD**

Universiteit Leiden, Neurosurgery, Spinal Care, Leiden, NL

# Exhibition

## Exhibition Plan



## List of Exhibitors

- 1 Brainlab Sales GmbH
- 2 Johnson & Johnson AG
- 3 Meditrend SA
- 3a STM SURGICAL / JOIMAX
- 4 Spineart SA
- 5 Health Solutions & Support AG
- 6 icotec ag
- 7 SpineSave AG
- 8 Carl Zeiss GmbH
- 9 Piota Medical SA
- 10 B. BRAUN MEDICAL AG
- 11 Stryker Osteonics AG
- 12 Globus Medical Switzerland
- 13 Medacta International SA
- 14 Nexon Medical AG
- 15 Arthrex Swiss AG
- 16 plus medica ag
- 17 Biedermann Motech GmbH & Co. KG
- 18 Hospitex Surgical AG SA Ltd
- 19 Spine Surgical GmbH
- 20 Medtronic (Schweiz) AG
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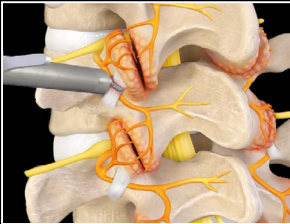


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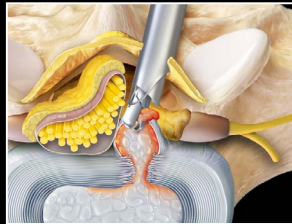


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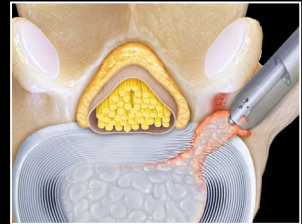
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