



**EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF NEURORADIOLOGY**  
DIAGNOSTIC AND INTERVENTIONAL

# 9<sup>th</sup> Advanced Course in Spine Neuroradiology DIAGNOSTIC AND INTERVENTIONAL

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**Malta, 8-10 November 2018**



TWO DAYS OF SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS  
PLUS ONE DAY HANDS-ON COURSE

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Timings	Session /Presentation		Speaker
Thursday 8 November 2018			
7.15am	Tea and Coffee		
7.30am to 8.00am	Opening Ceremony		
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8.00am to 10.30am	Spine: Normal, Abnormal, Techniques		
	8.00am	<i>Highlights on</i> Sagittal Balance: What we should know about	
	8.30am	Spectral CT/Dual Energy CT	
	8.45am	DTI of the spinal cord	
	9.00am	Embryology and development of the osseous spine	
	9.15am	Scoliosis and Ageing spine	
	9.30am	Spinal compartments and disease entities	

	9.45am	Dynamic evaluation of the spine
	10.00am	EOS: up-to-date in spine imaging
	10.15am	Questions and discussion
10.30am to 11.00 am	Coffee break	
11.00am to 12.30am	Degenerative I – Nerve, Disc & Pain	
	11.00am	Evidentiary basis of percutaneous discectomy: destroying the disc
	11.15pm	New insights into cell/biomaterial based disc therapy: regenerating the disc
	11.30pm	ESI. Are they still usefull?
	11.45pm	Neurolysis in back pain management
	12.00pm	Spinal cord stimulators
	12.15pm	Headache of cervical spine origin: what can we do?
	12.30pm	Questions and discussion
1.00pm to 1.30pm	Lunch Session 1	
1.30pm to 2.00pm	Lunch Session 2	
2.00pm to 3.45pm	Degenerative II – Instability & Joints	
	2.00pm	Instability: what a Radiologist should know about
	2.15pm	The Facet Joint Syndrome
	2.30pm	RF and Cryoablation of the facet joint
	2.45pm	Percutaneous fixation of the facets of lumbar spine
	3.00pm	Percutaneous fixation of the facets of cervical spine
	3.15pm	US guided Spine procedures

	3.30pm	Questions and discussion
3.45pm to 4.00 pm	Coffee break	
4.00pm - 5.15pm	Degenerative III – Sacral Pain & Stenosis	
	4.00pm	Anatomy, biomechanics and clinical evaluation of the Sacrum & Sacro-Iliac joint
	4.15pm	Sacral painful diseases: diagnosis and treatment
	4.30pm	Spinal canal and foraminal stenosis: an overview
	4.45pm	Percutaneous treatment of spinal canal and foraminal stenosis
	5.00pm	Questions and discussion
5.15pm	Closing Remarks for the Day	
Friday 9 November 2018		
7.15am	Tea and Coffee	
7.30am to 9.00am	Osteoporosis	
		Highlights on
	7.30am	What impact did the NEJM vertebroplasty studies have on mortality for patients with VCF?
	7.45am	Osteoporotic fracture vs neoplastic fracture: diagnostic approach
	8.00am	Technical approaches for spine intervention
	8.15am	VP treating porotic fractures: how to avoid complications
	8.30am	Up to date on new biomaterials for augmentation
	8.45am	Questions and discussion
9.00am to 9.30am	Coffee break	
9.30am to 12.00am	Tumors	

	9.30am	Diagnosis of primary spine tumors
	9.45am	Diagnosis of secondary spine tumors
	10.00am	Diagnosis of spinal cord tumors
	10.15am	Extreme vertebroplasty in neoplastic fractures
	10:30am	Radioablation of spine tumors
	10:45am	Cryoablation of spine tumors
	11:00pm	Minimally invasive treatments for spine metastasis
	11.15pm	How to avoid complications in vertebral augmentation
	11.30pm	Microwave ablation of both spinal and extra-spinal osseous tumors
	11.45pm	Questions and discussion
12.00pm to 12.30pm	Lunch Session 3	
12.30pm to 1.00pm	Lunch Session 4	
1.00pm to 3.00pm	Trauma	
	1.00pm	Update on Cranio-cervical junction and cervical vertebral trauma
	1.15pm	Update on thoracolumbar trauma
	1.30pm	Non-traumatic Emergency of the Spine
	1.45pm	Trauma spine in Pediatric Age
	2.00pm	Surgical treatment of spine trauma
	2.15pm	Mini invasive treatment of spine trauma
	2.30pm	Interventions in failed back surgery syndrome
	2.45pm	Questions and discussion

4.00pm to 5.30pm	3.00pm to 3.30pm	Coffee break	
	Inflammation		
	3.30pm	The role of the Radiology in Spinal inflammation	
	3.45pm	The role of the Nuclear Medicine in Spinal inflammation	
	4.00pm	Spinal Cord inflammation	
	4.15pm	Spine & Spinal cord inflammation in Pediatrics	
	4.40pm	Role of Spinal cord MRI in MS and other demyeinating diseases	
	4.45pm	Up-date on MS protocol	
	5.00pm to 5.30pm	Questions and discussion - Final Diploma Examination	
5.30pm	Closing Remarks for the Day		
Saturday 10 November 2018			
	HANDS-ON COURSE AT MATER DEI HOSPITAL DEPT OF RADIOLOGY		
	8:30am	Coffee break	
9.00am to 12.30pm	9.00m	Dose Reduction in Interventional Radiology – The role of the Radiographer	
	9.15am	Anatomical and technical approach for vertebral	
	9.30am	Anatomical and technical approach for disk and facet treatment	
	9.45am	Medicolegal aspects in spine interventions	
	10.00am to 12.00pm	“Hands-on” session I	ROOM 1 X-ray guided procedures, Tutor Prof. B. Georgy (San Diego) ROOM 2 X-ray guided procedures, Tutor Prof. R. Grech (Malta) ROOM 3 US guided procedures, Tutor Prof. M. Bellini (Italy) ROOM 4 Simulator, Tutor Prof. J. Hirsch (San Diego)
	12.00pm-1:00pm	Lunch	

1.30pm-5.30pm	1.00pm to 3.00pm	"Hands-on" session II	ROOM 1 X-ray guided procedures, Tutor Prof. B. Georgy (San Diego) ROOM 2 X-ray guided procedures, Tutor Prof. R. Grech (Malta) ROOM 3 US guided procedures, Tutor Prof. M. Bellini (Italy) ROOM 4 Simulator, Tutor Prof. J. Hirsch (San Diego)
	3.00pm to 5.00pm	"Hands-on" session III	ROOM 1 X-ray guided procedures, Tutor Prof. B. Georgy (San Diego) ROOM 2 X-ray guided procedures, Tutor Prof. R. Grech (Malta) ROOM 3 US guided procedures, Tutor Prof. M. Bellini (Italy) ROOM 4 Simulator, Tutor Prof. J. Hirsch (San Diego)
5.00pm	Closing Remarks with Vote of Thanks		

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