



**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Lateral Approaches to the Spine**  
**Saturday, April 6, 2024**  
at the Seattle Science Foundation

**Agenda**

- 7 a.m.           **Registration & Breakfast**
- 7:30 a.m.       **Welcome, Introductions & Course Overview**  
Juan S. Uribe, M.D. & Rod J. Oskouian, Jr., M.D.
- 7:35 a.m.       **Keynote:**  
**Why Go Prone vs. Lateral?**  
*William Taylor, M.D.*  
**Objectives:**
- Identify complications related to prone lateral approach
  - Outline the indications for prone lateral surgery
  - Recognize the differences between lateral and prone position approaches
- 7:55 a.m.       **Q & A**
- 8 a.m.           **When and How To Do Stand Alone Lateral**  
*Juan Uribe, M.D.*  
**Objectives:**
- Identify complications related to standalone lateral
  - Outline the indications for standalone lateral
- 8:15 a.m.       **Q & A**
- 8:20 a.m.       **Adoption of Navigation & Its Use in Lateral Surgery**  
*Nima Alan, M.D.*  
**Objectives:**
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of using image guidance in lateral access surgery
  - Outline the safety checks to confirm accuracy of image guidance intraoperatively
  - Evaluate the utility of image guidance to navigate non-bony anatomy in lateral access surgery
- 8:35 a.m.       **Q & A**
- 8:40 a.m.       **Why Not Go All Posterior?**  
*Venu Nemani, M.D., Ph.D.*  
**Objectives:**
- Describe the posterior-based TL deformity correction surgery
  - Discuss updated techniques for improved outcomes
  - Outline a proposal for an integrated approach
- 8:55 a.m.       **Q & A**

9 a.m. **MIS Lateral for Deformity**  
*Corey Walker, M.D.*  
**Objectives:**

- Describe how MIS can be applied to adult deformity cases and the advantages of these techniques over traditional open operations
- Identify key features that may make performing MIS surgery more challenging or dangerous
- Outline how different enabling technologies can allow you to perform MIS deformity surgery more efficiently and safely

9:15 a.m. **Q & A**

9:20 a.m. **Break & Exhibits** (*not for CME credit*)

9:35 a.m. **Lab Demonstration No. 1**  
**Prone Lateral with Robot**  
*Roland Kent, M.D.*  
**Objectives:**

- Outline proper retractor placement
- Identify lateral interbody fusion following posterior treatment of adult spinal deformity patients
- Describe techniques and clinical outcomes for delayed second-stage lateral surgery following posterior adult deformity correction

10:15 a.m. **Pushing the Boundaries of Lateral Surgery**  
*M. Craig McMains, M.D.*  
**Objectives:**

- Identify common barriers to lateral surgery adoption
- Outline current enabling technology in lateral surgery
- Recognize opportunities for further development

10:30 a.m. **Q & A**

10:35 a.m. **Multilevel Prone with MIS Deformity**  
*Elizabeth Lord, M.D.*  
**Objectives:**

- Identify complications related to multilevel prone with MIS deformity
- Outline the indications for multilevel prone with MIS deformity

10:50 a.m. **Q & A**

10:55 a.m. **Break & Exhibits** (*not for CME credit*)

11:10 a.m. **Lab Demonstration No. 2**  
**Nuances of the Lateral Approach to the Lumbar Spine**  
*Tony Kwon, M.D.*  
**Objectives:**

- Describe the nuances of the lateral approach to the lumbar spine
- Outline important anatomic considerations in this approach
- Summarize potential complications

11:50 a.m. **Lunch Break & Exhibits** (*not for CME credit*)

12:10 p.m. **Lab Demonstration No. 3**

**Standalone Lateral**

*Juan S. Uribe, M.D.*

**Objectives:**

- Describe the principles and techniques for the standalone lateral approach
- Outline important anatomic considerations in standalone lateral approach
- Summarize potential complications

12:30 p.m. **Sagittal Alignment in Lateral: Expandables and New Findings on ALL Anatomy**

*Luiz Pimenta, M.D.*

**Objectives:**

12:45 p.m. **Q & A**

12:50 p.m. **Pause** (*not for CME credit*)

1 p.m. **Lab Demonstration No. 4**

**Subcostal, Subdiaphragmatic Lateral Approach with Corpectomy at L1-2 Without Rib Resection**

*Elizabeth Lord, M.D.*

**Objectives:**

- Explain the anatomy of the TL junction
- Present an MIS way of approaching L1-2
- Recognize the potential pitfalls of this approach

1:40 p.m. **Lateral Corpectomy for Trauma**

*Tony Kwon, M.D.*

**Objectives:**

- Describe the anatomy and approach for lateral corpectomy for trauma
- Outline indications for lateral corpectomy for trauma

1:55 p.m. **Q & A**

2 p.m. **Break, Exhibits & Change into Scrubs** (*not for CME credit*)

2:15 p.m. **Lab Demonstration No. 5**  
**Prone Lateral Tips & Tricks**

*Luiz Pimenta, M.D.*

**Objectives:**

- Describe the principles and techniques for the lateral approach
- Outline important anatomic considerations in prone lateral surgery
- Summarize potential complications

2:55 p.m. **Intradiscal Osteotomy**

*Jens R. Chapman, M.D.*

**Objectives:**

- Identify complications related to intradiscal osteotomy
- Outline the indications for intradiscal osteotomy

3:10 p.m. **Q & A**

3:15p.m. **Break & Transition to BioSkills Lab** (*not for CME credit*)

3:20 p.m.

**Hands-On BioSkills Lab Rotations** (20 min. rotations)

**Station 1: Prone Lateral with Robot**

*Roland Kent, M.D.*

**Station 2: Nuances of the Lateral Approach to the Lumbar Spine**

*Tony Kwon, M.D. & Venu Nemani, M.D.*

**Station 3: Subcostal, Subdiaphragmatic Lateral Approach with Corpectomy**

*Elizabeth Lord, M.D., & Corey Walker, M.D.*

**Station 4: Prone Lateral Tips and Tricks & Standalone Lateral**

*Luiz Pimenta, M.D., Ph.D. & Juan S. Uribe, M.D.*

**Objectives:**

- Demonstrate use of the lateral approach to various regions of the spine
- Explain how to avoid complications with the lateral technique
- Appraise patient selection and indications for the lateral approach

4:45 p.m.

**Adjourn**

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