

Registration and Morning Tea	9:30-10:00 am
Welcome - 10:00 am	Mr Otis Shirley Dr Toby Loch-Wilkinson
Session 1: Paediatric Grand Rounds	Chairs: Mr John Ferguson & Dr Adam Parr Dr Brian Hsu
Patient work-up 1	Dr Lindsay Andras
Patient work-up 2	Mr Kris Lundine
Patient work-up 3	Dr Vinay Kulkarni
Open discussion - Pt1, Pt2 & Pt3	Open discussion
Final Reflections	Mr John Ferguson & Dr Adam Parr
Session 2: Advancing Paediatric Spine Surgery: Techniques and Outcomes	Chairs: Mr Otis Shirley & Dr Geoff Askin
Growing rods and future techniques for EOS	Dr Lindsay Andras
Tweeners - to brace, to watch or to fuse	Mr Kris Lundine
Tether - friend/foe or yet to know?	Dr Lindsay Andras
To stop at L3 or L4 - that is the question	Mr Antony Field
Is it better to treat deformity in adolescence or adulthood	Dr Chris Shaffrey
Discussion & questions	Panel
Lunch	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Session 3: Navigating Spinal Alignment: The Cornerstone of Successful Surgery	Chair: Dr Robert Kuru
Analyses of surgical plans and approach to treatment	Prof Jean-Charles Le Huec
Soft tissue impacts on alignment planning	Prof Emmanuelle Ferrero
Achieving (or maintaining) alignment in minimally invasive surgery	Dr Raymond Hah
Aging patients - osteoporosis and deformity in ASD	Prof Emmanuelle Ferrero
Revision surgeries - the importance of balance	Dr Steven Yang
SIJ Fusion - approaches to the base of spine	Prof Jean-Charles Le Huec
Discussion & questions	Panel
Afternoon Tea	3:25 pm - 3:45 pm
Session 4: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Spinal Oncology	Chair: Dr Toby Loch-Wilkinson
Principles of spinal oncology	Dr Marcin Czyz
Treatment matrix - how to best approach from radiation oncology perspective	A/Prof Mathew Foote
Case studies - complex patients	Dr Farhaan Altaf
Fusion in spinal oncology (biologics)	Dr Marcin Czyz
Lessons learned in managing paediatric spine tumours: case examples for consideration	Dr Lindsay Andras
Discussion & questions	Panel
Close Day 1 - 5:00pm	
Gala Dinner - 6:30 to 10:00pm	CatWalk Trust

Day 2 - Welcome	9:00 am
Session 5: From Planning to Execution: Complex Spine Deformity Surgery	Chair: Mr John Cunningham
Leveraging anterior lumbar approaches for adult spinal deformity	Dr Raymond Hah
Fusion philosophy - material and design matters	Dr Steven Presciutti
Adult degenerative spine and spondylodiscitis long-term outcomes - Bioactive Glass	Dr Tom Asklöf
Cervical spine deformity - considerations of treatment options	Mr Daniel D'Aquino
Debate: posterior or back/front/back (35 year old with grade 3 spondy: how would I approach)	Dr Davor Saravanja / Mr Antony Field
Discussion & questions	Panel
Morning Tea	10:25 am - 11:05 am
Session 6: The Intersection of Technology and Spinal Surgery : Enhancing Precision and Outcomes	Chair: Dr Paul Licina
Cauda equina machine learning	Dr Marcin Czyz
Getting the most out of the Bone Scalpel	Mr Otis Shirley
Data collection - why does it matter?	Dr Chris Shaffrey
Enabling Tech - Bluetooth real time analysis of spinal balance dynamically	Prof Jean-Charles Le Huec
Complex patients and complimentary technologies	Prof Emmanuelle Ferrero
Discussion & questions	Panel

Lunch	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Session 7: Optimising Outcomes in Obese and High Risk Patient Groups	Chair: Dr Peter McCombe
The role of bariatric surgery in optimising spine surgery outcomes	Dr Yazmin Johari
BMI cut-offs for spine surgery	Dr Catherine Cartwright
ESS in Obesity	Dr Prashanth Rao
Considerations of spinal balance in the obese patient	Prof Jean-Charles Le Huec
Discussion & questions	Panel
Afternoon Tea	2:25 pm - 3:05 pm
Session 8: Thriving Amidst Change: Self-Management in an Evolving Landscape	Chair: Mr John Cunningham
This informal fireside discussion brings together four faculty members to share experiences in career development, workplace adaptability, and self-management strategies that support long-term success and personal balance.	Dr Peter McCombe Dr Catherine Cartwright Mr Nova Thani Mr Yi Yang
DDU Meeting Closing Statement	
Close Day 2	4:30 pm

*** Agenda subject to change*