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Spine Symposium

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Balboa Bay Resort | 1221 West Coast Highway, Newport Beach, CA 92663

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AGENDA

7:30 - 8:00am	CHECK IN & BREAKFAST	
8:00 - 8:10am	EVENT WELCOME	
8:10 - 9:10am	Keynote Presentation: Navigating the Orthopaedic Employment Landscape: Finding Stability and Success in an Era of Uncertainty	Alexander Vaccaro, MD, PhD, MBA
9:10 - 9:20am	DISCUSSION	Gerald Alexander, MD (Moderator)
9:20 - 9:35am	Finances in Spine	Pawel Jankowski, MD
9:35 - 9:50am	The Rise of Outpatient Spine Surgery	Alexandre Rasouli, MD
9:50 - 10:05am	Section 6001 and the Hoag Paradox: When Policy Restricts What Works	Luis Tumialan, MD
10:05 - 10:20am	Out of Network Surgery and Global Outreach	Kushagra Verma, MD
10:20 - 10:30am	DISCUSSION	Jeffrey Deckey, MD (Moderator)
10:30 - 11:00am	MORNING BREAK & VENDOR BREAKOUT	
11:00 - 11:15am	DOCS Health: Integrated Healthcare Delivery	Khawar Siddique, MD
11:15 - 11:30am	AI for Revenue Cycle Management	Jesse Caballero, MD
11:30 - 11:45am	The Promise of Minimally Invasive Spine	Adam Kanter, MD
11:45 - 11:55am	DISCUSSION	Dami Oluyede, MD (Moderator)
11:55am - 12:10pm	Off Label Applications of Lumbar and Cervical Arthroplasty	Sanjay Khurana, MD

AGENDA CONTINUED

12:10 - 12:25pm	From Fusion to Motion	Joel Beckett, MD
12:25 - 12:40pm	Cervical Total Disc Arthroplasty	Todd Lanman, MD
12:40 - 12:50pm	DISCUSSION	Casey Slattery, MD (Moderator)
12:50 - 1:40pm	LUNCH & VENDOR BREAKOUT	
1:40 - 2:10pm	Featured Talk: Three Column Osteotomies Cervical Spine to Sacrum: Lessons Learned in Over 650 Cases	Christopher P. Ames, MD
2:10 - 2:25pm	Instrumentation Removal Following Long-Segment Thoracolumbar Fusions: What Could Go Wrong?	Alexander Tuchman, MD
2:25 - 2:40pm	Spinal Cord Injury: Best Practices and Emerging Treatments	Rajiv Saigal, MD, PhD
2:40 - 2:55pm	Indirect Decompression: The Risk Within the Remedy	Samuel Bederman, MD, PhD
2:55 - 3:10pm	Minimally Invasive Lateral Fusion	Jason Liauw, MD
3:10 - 3:25pm	Osteoporosis and Its Ramifications on Spine Surgery	Joshua Schwind, MD
3:25 - 3:40pm	Bias Isn't the Enemy: Human Mind in Spine Research	Roman Rahmani, MD
3:40 - 3:50pm	DISCUSSION	Jon I. White, MD (Moderator)
3:50 - 3:55pm	CLOSING REMARKS	Jeremy Smith, MD
3:55 - 4:45pm	COCKTAIL RECEPTION	

PRESENTERS AND MODERATORS



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Alexander Vaccaro, MD, PhD, MBA
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FEATURED SPEAKER

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