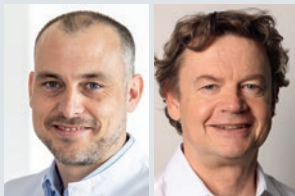


WELCOME NOTE OF THE COURSE CO-DIRECTORS



Dear colleagues,

Microsurgical and minimally invasive techniques have gained increased importance in spinal surgery in the last years. They have become the gold standard in the treatment of a variety of pathologies of the spine and represent the ongoing evolution of surgical techniques towards more tissue-sparing approaches.

The more sophisticated a technique, the more important training and education becomes. Our past international microsurgical wet labs, a joint venture of Schön Klinik Munich Harlaching and the Department of Anatomy of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University, were a great success and have encouraged us to proceed with this teaching concept.

We proudly announce the 28th Course on Spinal Advanced Microsurgery 2025, a hands-on cadaver course on posterior approaches to the lumbar spine.

It would be a pleasure for us, the faculty and the organisers, to welcome you in Munich from 9–10 October 2025!

Sincerely,

Christoph Mehren
Ralph Kothe

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Venues

Theoretical part (9 October 2025)
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Certification

An application has been submitted to the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) for European CME credits, ECMEC and the State Medical Association of Bavaria.

Registration

The registration is only possible online at www.sam-course.de. The number of participants is limited. Due to high demand, we recommend registering as early as possible.

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THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER

08:00	Registration
08:30–10:10	Introductory lectures Moderator Luca Papavero (Hamburg)
08:30	Welcome, introduction and course details Nils Ehrke (Munich), Ralph Kothe (Hamburg) Christoph Mehren (Munich)
08:45	Are learning curves acceptable for our patients? Christoph Mehren (Munich)
09:10	Intraoperative imaging and navigation in spinal surgery Ralph Kothe (Hamburg)
09:40	Innovations in minimally invasive spine surgery – the clinical benefits of an advanced visualization system Sarah Eberhard (Oberkochen)
10:10	Coffee break
10:30–12:00	Surgery of the posterior cervical spine – surgical techniques Moderator Andreas Korge (Munich)
10:30	Keyhole foraminotomy Luca Papavero (Hamburg)
10:55	Posterior fusion techniques of cervical spine (incl. C0 and C1/2) Ralph Kothe (Hamburg)
11:15	Laminoplasty (incl. pinzer stenosis) Luca Papavero (Hamburg)
11:40	Instrumentation of the cervico-thoracic junction Albrecht Waschke (Bad Neustadt a.d. Saale)
12:00	Questions and answers
12:15	Lunch

13:00–15:00	Surgery of the anterior cervical spine – surgical techniques Moderator Ralph Kothe (Hamburg)
13:00	The fusion-philosophy Andreas Korge (Munich)
13:20	Vertebrectomy and defect support Hassan Allouch (Stuttgart)
13:40	The non-fusion philosophy (cTDR) and hybrid strategies Christoph Mehren (Munich)
14:00	Complications in cervical spine surgery Ralph Kothe (Hamburg)
14:30	Coffee Break
15:00–17:00	Challenges in cervical spine surgery Moderator Christoph Mehren (Munich)
15:00	Degenerative cervical myelopathy Ralph Kothe (Hamburg)
15:30	Poor bone quality in instrumented patients Albrecht Waschke (Bad Neustadt a.d. Saale)
16:00	How can virtual reality help us in challenging cases? Andreas Kramer (Munich)
16:30	Case discussions faculty and participants
16:45	Questions and Answers
20:00	Dinner

FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2025

Hands-on cadaver workshop	
08:30–08:45	Instructions to microscopic set-up Zeiss et al.
08:45–15:00	Breakout session – Navigation and instrumentation with RealSpine
08:45–12:00	Hands-on cadaver workshop – Posterior cervical spine Moderator Christoph Mehren (Munich)
	Keyhole foraminotomy Luca Papavero (Hamburg)
	Laminoplasty Ralph Kothe (Hamburg)
	Posterior fusion techniques Albrecht Waschke (Bad Neustadt a.d. Saale).
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00–15:00	Hands-on cadaver workshop – Anterior cervical spine Moderator Ralph Kothe (Hamburg)
	Fusion and non-fusion (cTDR) Christoph Mehren (Munich)
	Vertebrectomy and defect support Hassan Allouch (Stuttgart)
15:30	End of the course, certificate and farewell

