

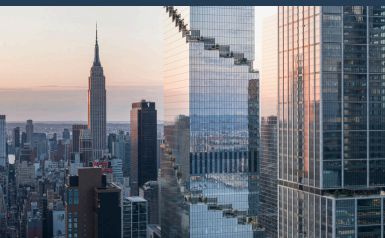
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New York City



MISS

Minimally Invasive Spine
Symposium



Friday, Dec. 12, - Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025

In collaboration with

Och Spine at
NewYork-Presbyterian



**Weill Cornell
Medicine**

 **NewYork-Presbyterian**

Dear Colleagues,

Each December, NYC-MISS brings together national and international neurosurgeons, orthopedic spine surgeons, fellows, and residents to explore the latest in minimally invasive spinal surgery techniques and navigation.

The agenda is designed to teach new operative skills while fostering debate and discussion around MIS spine approaches.

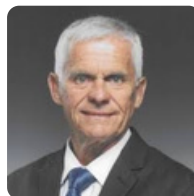
Through a combination of didactic and case-based sessions, hands-on cadaveric dissections, and state-of-the-art simulation models, participants will gain the knowledge and practical experience needed to begin incorporating these techniques into their own practices.

We look forward to welcoming you this December!

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Course Agenda

Day 1 Friday, December 12, 2025 The Spiral, 66 Hudson Blvd E

Session 1: Updates in MISS

Session 2: Motion Preservation - Lumbar & Cervical

Session 3: Tubes vs. Endoscopes (Mini Debates)

Lumbar Disc

Stenosis

Thoracic

Cervical

Session 4: Advanced Imaging & Navigation: AR, Robotics & VR

Session 5: MISS in Athletes

Socratic Debate: Will Artificial Intelligence Replace Surgical Judgment in MIS Spine Surgery?

Session 7: AI in MISS

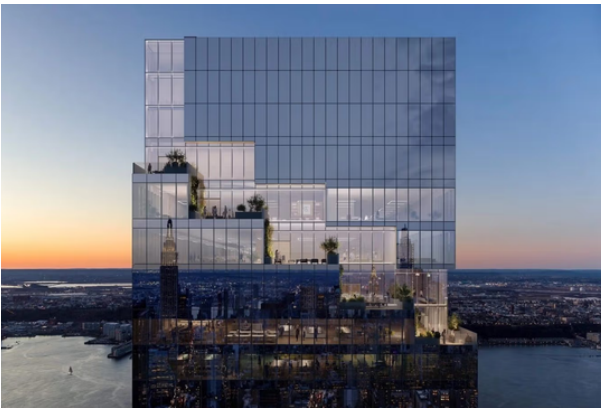
Session 8: Lifestyle & MISS

**Day 2 Saturday, December 13, 2025 Weill Cornell Medicine, 1300
York Ave**

Techniques & Hands-On Lab (Cadaver Lab)

Friday's Lectures held at:

THE SPIRAL



MEETING SPACE HIGHLIGHTS

- Home to the world-class Och Spine Center
- Sweeping views of NYC skyline through floor-to-ceiling windows
- Open-air terrace
- High-end, sustainable design

Invited Faculty



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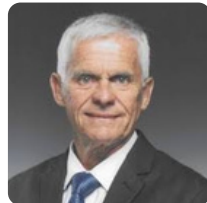
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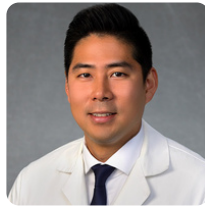
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Register Online

Track 1: Lecture Series + Hands-on Laboratory Dissection

- Practicing Neurosurgeons, Orthopedic Spine Surgeons, and other MDs: \$2,835
- Residents and Fellows (in training): \$1,425

Track 2: Lectures Only (No Access to Lab)

- Practicing Neurosurgeons, Orthopedic Spine Surgeons, and other MDs: \$850
- Residents and Fellows (in training): \$455
- APPs (NPs, PAs, RNs, other clinical): \$285

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Email CME@seattle-science-foundation.org with any questions.

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