



SPINE

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STUDENTS

September 9th, 2026

Dear Students,

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the **Spine 4 Student Program**, taking place on **September 9, 2026**, in Homburg, Saarland, Germany. This intensive program is designed for medical students with a strong interest in spine surgery and provides a unique opportunity to move from **theoretical knowledge to hands-on surgical experience**.

Course Highlights

- **Guided Cadaver Lab:** Practice **fusion techniques, decompression procedures, and minimally invasive endoscopic approaches** on body donors under the supervision of **renowned spine surgeons**.
- **Focused lectures, interactive case discussions, and practical demonstrations** covering spinal anatomy, degenerative and traumatic pathologies, imaging-based diagnostics, and modern surgical techniques.
- Designed to **support motivated students** at the beginning of their academic and clinical journey by bridging the gap between knowledge and real surgical practice.

Additional Benefit

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive **complimentary attendance at World Spine 11 (September 10–12, 2026 in Homburg, Saarland, Germany)**, an international meeting bringing together experts and innovators in modern spinal surgery, with lectures and case-based discussions.



Application Requirements

To apply for the Spine 4 Students program, please submit the following documents as PDF files via email to neurosurgery.education@uks.eu:

- **Motivation Letter** (describing your interest in spine surgery and your reasons for applying)
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
- **Current Certificate of Enrollment**

The extended **application deadline is March 31, 2026**. You will receive **notification of your acceptance** by **May 1, 2026**. neurosurgery.education@uks.eu.

Please note that if your application is accepted, a participation fee of €50 is required for the student course. Participants are responsible for organizing and financing their own travel and accommodation.

Join us in shaping the future of spine surgery through learning, discovery, and international collaboration. We warmly invite motivated students to apply for one of the **20 exclusive positions** and take part in this exceptional educational experience.



Joachim Oertel

Prof. Dr. med. Joachim Oertel



Thomas Tschernig

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Preliminary program

9th September, 2026: Spine 4 Students

14:00 - 15:00 Welcome and Opening: Spine 4 Students Program Introduction/Lectures

15:00 - 18:00 **Session 1:** Minimally invasive techniques: Endoscopic foraminotomy and discectomy.

Session 2: Spinal fusion techniques: Placement of pedicle screws.

Session 3: Spinal decompression techniques: Open lumbar laminectomy.

Closing Ceremony: Spine 4 Students

18:00 Grand opening of World Spine 11

20:00 Get together!

10th September, 2026: Day 1 - World Spine 11

11th September, 2026: Day 2 - World Spine 11

12th September, 2026: Day 3 - World Spine 11



www.worldspine11.de

Organizing Committee

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