**3rd International Symposium**

**Indications and Technologies in Degenerative and Neoplastic Diseases of the Spine**

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**Registration fee:**
Symposium: € 200,00
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The registration fee includes catering during the workshop and symposium.

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Kindly note that due to the limited number of spaces in the Instructional Spine course, we can confirm your participation only after the registration fee has been received. Please ensure a timely payment.

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Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to join us at the Department of Neurosurgery of the Technical University of Munich for our upcoming 3rd international symposium in April 2013. For the upcoming symposium we combined current issues of spinal surgery requiring ongoing discussion. Degenerative deformities of the lumbar spine are an increasing problem in modern spinal surgery. The indications for surgery are still an issue of ongoing debate especially since surgical outcome for degenerative deformities varies significantly. Classifications, indications, surgical procedures (long vs. short constructs) will be discussed by recognized experts.

Another topic of controversial debate is the increasing numbers of spinal procedures in Western countries. Therefore, a critical evaluation of surgical and conservative procedures for lumbar degenerative disease will be presented to stimulate controversy and discussion regarding comparative effectiveness of surgical and conservative therapy and the timing of surgery.

As a third main topic of the symposium we choose spinal tumor surgery. The incidence of secondary spinal tumors is increasing while treatment options, whether surgical or by radiation therapy, are further evolving. The symposium aims to provide a current overview on treatment options and indications and should generate a controversial discussion.

We are looking forward to see you in Munich.

Bernhard Meyer
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