

International Intradiscal Therapy and Transforaminal Spine Society (IITTSS)

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First Comprehensive Surgical Pain Management and Endoscopic Transforaminal Surgical Access Workshop: Featuring The YESS Technique* and complementary techniques

* for information about YESS technique: www.sciatica.com

**June 7-9, 2012 (May extend cadaver lab to Sunday morning June 10 if needed)
Phoenix , Arizona**

Course Director Anthony T. Yeung. M.D.

Course Mission:

This course will feature successful MIS techniques utilized by endoscopic spine surgeon Anthony Yeung and the surgeons at Desert Institute for Spine Care (DISC).

It is a one -of -a -kind workshop introducing practical information on techniques, backed by thousands of cases following an IRB approved study in 1997 initiated and developed by Dr Yeung, but evolving over the past 20 years. Dr Yeung focuses on identifying and treating the pain generators that originate from the disc and/or the facet joints. OTHER MIS DECOMPRESSION AND FUSION TECHNIQUES that preserve normal anatomy consistent with Dr Yeung's surgical philosophy will also be featured. All attendees will take away useful information immediately applicable to your practices, but it will especially be valuable for surgeons who are already performing endoscopic foraminal decompression wishing to update themselves on new concepts, techniques, instruments and indications for patients with painful degenerative conditions of the lumbar spine.

This course is designed especially for surgeons who accept Dr Yeung's treatment philosophy and have attended previous YESS cadaver workshops but also want to update their knowledge and skills in the newest and LEAST invasive surgical methods. For those wishing to just audit the course, or interested in the state of the art in foraminal surgery for future application, the course will include provide

information on techniques in diagnostic and therapeutic spinal injections (different from I.S.I.S.) as a surgical precursor to identifying appropriate patients for endoscopic decompression and ablation surgery.

The course will be held at the DISC campus and Squaw Peak Surgical Facility. It will be limited to the first 50 MIS spine surgeons and pain interventionalists who work closely with MIS surgeons in an affiliated or group practice. A course syllabus will be provided, along with peer reviewed bibliography, edited surgical training DVD's of each procedure featured. In case of oversubscription, priority will be given to those already performing transforaminal endoscopic surgery or who have attended previous workshops sponsored by Richard Wolf. (Submitting your CV may also place you higher on the priority list)

Workshop topics pending time limitations and participant requests (Lectures , video demonstrations, live, or Cadaver demonstrations)

1. Diagnostic and therapeutic transforaminal and medial branch dorsal ramus injection
2. Foraminal anatomy, Normal and Anomalous
3. Identifying the pain generator
4. Evocative Chromo Discography™
5. Identifying the pain generator for surgical decompression and ablation
6. Disc FX™ (Elliquence) A precursor to endoscopic foraminal decompression
7. Selective endoscopic discectomy™ (Ideal Indications)
8. Replication Medical's Gelstik and Gelfix
9. Dorsal Endoscopic Rhizotomy (visualized technique)
10. Foraminoplasty for lateral recess stenosis
11. Treatment of FBSS
12. Transforaminal Fusion and MIS posterior stabilization (Amendia)
13. Lateral access decompression and stabilization (Amendia)
14. Trans-Sacral Fusion
15. Aware state anesthesia and avoidance of propofol Le Thai, M.D.
16. New technology (Gel stik, Gel fix, Surgifile, Ouroborous, Stim-wave)
17. Course Background article “ **In -vivo Endoscopic Visualization of Patho-anatomy in Symptomatic Degenerative Conditions of the Lumbar Spine II: Intradiscal, Foraminal, and Central Canal Decompression**” Surgical Tech International XXI” 2012

Course Faculty (preliminary)

Anthony Yeung, M.D.

Hansen Yuan, M.D.

Christopher Yeung, M.D.

Justin Field, M.D.

Phil Yuan, M.D.

Le Thai, M.D

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Transportation from airport and to airport provided by Hotel Highland
Shuttle service to and from DISC and Squaw Peak Surgical Facility

Conference site

Desert Institute for Spine Care
Squaw Peak Surgical Facility
1635 E. Myrtle Ave STE 100 Phoenix, Arizona 85020
602-678-1046 (Private line at Disc) ask for Vickie for information.

Registration

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Course Fees

\$650 Lectures with Live surgical and Cadaver Demonstrations (no cadaver lab)

\$1,000 with Cadaver hands on workshop (limited to 20 registrants)

On site registration available for lectures only through Richard Wolf, Elliquence, and Amendia \$650

Program

Thursday June 7

Introductory Lecture and Opening Reception 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM
Squaw Peak Surgical Facility 1635 E. Myrtle Ave

“The state of the art in foraminal endoscopic surgery for painful degenerative conditions of the lumbar spine “ Anthony T. Yeung M.D.

Friday June 8 Breakfast Seminar 7:00 -9:00 AM

Hotel Highland Phoenix Conference Room

Introduction of course Agenda

The Evolution of Spine Surgery Past, Present , future
Hansen A Yuan, M.D. 7:15-7:30 AM

Description of the Philosophy and Technical Application of the YESS Diagnostic and Surgical Technique
Anthony T. Yeung, M.D. 7: 30-7:45 AM

The technique of needle and cannula placement for foraminal endoscopic surgery
Chris Yeung, M.D. 7:45-8:00 AM

Getting started with fluoroscopically guided DISC -FX Intradiscal therapy for decompression, ablation and intradiscal irrigation
Anthony T. Yeung, M.D. 8:00 -8:15

Transportation to Squaw Peak Surgical Facility 8:30 – 9:00 AM

Live surgical Demonstration

1. Disc FX and /or Transforaminal decompression of contained HNP
2. Endoscopic decompression of Paracentral, central, Foraminal or extruded HNP (depending on patients available for surgery on June 8
3. Lateral recess stenosis
4. Dorsal Endoscopic rhizotomy for chronic axial back pain

Lectures at Squaw Peak Surgical Facility in between surgical demonstrations
(See workshop topics)

Preliminary Faculty: Chris Yeung, Justin field, Phil Yuan, Anthony Yeung, Le Thai

Open Forum and discussion on Transforaminal Endoscopic Surgery and its role in the current Health care environment

Saturday Cadaver Demonstration and Hands on workshop

7:00 AM- 8:00 AM Attendees staying at Hotel highland will have breakfast in the Phoenix room at Hotel Highland. Others may go for a hot breakfast or have coffee, fruit and Danish at SPSF. (those not staying at Hotel Highland must sign up)

Amendia's O-Lif (transforaminal T-Lif without removal of the facets)

Cadaver Surgical demonstrations: 8:00-11:00 AM at SPSF

- 1. O-lif percutaneous fusion**
- 2. Lateral Access to the lumbar disc**
- 3. Transforaminal Access to the Lumbar disc and Epidural space SED, Implantation of Stimwaves' Freedom SCS implant**
- 4. Gelstik Cadaver Demonstration**

Lectures to be given between live cadaver surgical demonstrations

1. Amendia's O-Lif percutaneous fusion with posterior percutaneous pedicle screw and facet screw fixation.
2. Brief Review of YESS Inside out needle technique to access disc, epidural space and facet for lateral foraminal decompression
3. MIS tissue sparing access for fusion

Lunch 11:00- 12:00

12:00-5 PM

Hands on Workshop (limited to first 20 registrants at an extra cost)

OR 1 Drawing coordinates for needle placement and foraminal endoscopic surgery

Disc FX

Dorsal Endoscopic rhizotomy

Gel stik

OR 2 Drawing coordinates for needle placement and foraminal endoscopic surgery

Transforaminal Endoscopic Discectomy

Foraminoplasty

Practice Preparing disc endplate for transforaminal fusion if time permits

Adjourn : Course Syllabus with DVD of foraminal endoscopic for painful conditions of the lumbar spine surgeries provided to registered attendees only