

THE 20TH ANNUAL

State of Spine Surgery Think Tank

JUNE 26–28, 2025

Celebrating 20 Years

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Dear Colleagues:

Celebrating 20 Years



You're invited to join us in celebrating **20 years** of The State of Spine Surgery Think Tank. The Think Tank is not your typical “lectures and exhibits” meeting. In fact, it is refreshingly different:

- * The program emphasizes engaging discussions over lectures, giving you the opportunity to ask questions and share your perspectives.
- * The focus is on current, practical topics rather than distant academic research. How can you adapt to the evolving healthcare landscape? Which emerging technologies and techniques should you prioritize? What strategies can enhance your outcomes?
- * The event fosters a strong sense of camaraderie among participants, including surgeons, and leaders from medical device companies and healthcare organizations.

PRE-MEETING: STATE OF SPINE SURGERY: INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT SUMMIT

A half-day Summit providing a deep dive into spine technology innovation and investment opportunities. We bring together C-suite executives from emerging spine companies, VCs, “strategics,” plus surgeon private investors, investment bankers and more for a remarkable afternoon of insights and investment possibilities.

Combine all of the above with the exceptional JW Marriott Resort in Cabo, and we're confident that you'll find this year to be one you won't want to miss. We hope that you'll join us.

Best regards,

Frank Phillips, MD

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Publisher, Orthopedics This Week

“Highly candid, interactive, and collegial experience in an outstanding resort location”

Past Attendee Comment



SUMMIT PROGRAM: JUNE 25, 2025

PRE-MEETING: INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION SUMMIT

The ½ day Summit aims to unite promising early and mid-stage spine companies with potential investors, including execs from the “Strategics,” private surgeon investors, investment firms, and corporate development executives.

Hear from leading bankers, VCs, and business development experts regarding how they identify the best investment opportunities in the field of spine surgery.

Plus, you’ll hear from C-suite executives and board members from ten of the most innovative and disruptive spine companies, each of which is seeking to raise capital.

No other program offers such access to investment experts and leaders of emerging companies, all packed into an afternoon Summit.

PROGRAM | 1:30–5:45 PM

- ◆ **The Financing and M&A Environment for Spine Start-ups**
 - ◆ Investment banker
- ◆ **Panel: What are *Investors* Looking for to Finance Spine Start-ups?**
 - ◆ Panel of venture capital, investment bankers and private investors
- ◆ **Spine Company Presentations**
 - ◆ 6 Early and mid-stage company presentations (10 minutes each)
- ◆ **Investment Snapshots**
 - ◆ 4 Early and mid-stage company presentations (5 minutes each)
- ◆ **Panel: What are *Strategics* Looking for to Finance or Acquire Spine Start-ups?**
 - ◆ Panel of decision makers from spine strategics
- ◆ **Wine & Cheese Reception**

Program schedule, content, and faculty subject to change



“What I learned at the Investment Summit from companies and bankers made my entire trip worthwhile, before the main meeting began.”

Past Attendee Comment



PROGRAM DAYS & TIMES

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 | 7:30 AM–3:40 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 | 7:30 AM–12:30 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 | 7:30 AM–12:00 PM

SPECIAL SESSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 | 12:30–2:15 PM

PROGRAM OUTLINE

The topics on this page are a sample of those to be covered in the final program.

◆ Where's the Spine Field Heading in 2025?

- ◆ Views from surgeons, device execs., and business leaders

◆ Lateral Spine Surgery

- ◆ Getting beyond industry marketing re: prone-lateral, single position & trans psoas

◆ The Business of Spine

- ◆ Is PE dead?
- ◆ Practice models
- ◆ Building ancillary networks

◆ Enabling Technologies

- ◆ What's new?
- ◆ Where to from here?
- ◆ Can it be cost effective?

◆ Surgery Gone Bad and How I Salvaged

◆ Endoscopy

- ◆ What evidence is lacking?
- ◆ Is it broadly adoptable or will it become its own specialty?

◆ Biologics & Bioactive Implants

- ◆ What's new in fusion biologics?
- ◆ What works?
- ◆ "We've found the spine stem cell."



◆ Cervical TDR

- ◆ TDR for radiculopathy
- ◆ Complications—I've seen them all
- ◆ Making sense of industry sponsored vs independent studies

◆ ASCs and Spine Surgery

- ◆ How can I make the move?
- ◆ Successful development and management of ASCs



MAIN PROGRAM (CONTINUED): JUNE 26–28, 2025

◆ LBP—Still an Unresolved Problem

- ◆ Identifying the pain generator
- ◆ The numerous treatment strategies—What works & when?

◆ ALIF—The Workhorse of Lumbar Spine Surgery

◆ Deformity

- ◆ Understanding alignment parameters
- ◆ Complication avoidance and management
- ◆ Anterior vs posterior

◆ From Data to Decisions

- ◆ AI, machine learning and predictive analytics

◆ Complications Management

- ◆ MIS and dural tears
- ◆ Lost signals with cervical laminoplasty
- ◆ Post ALIF severe sacral fracture

◆ Investments

- ◆ Balancing your portfolio
- ◆ Evaluating venture and early-stage investment opportunities
- ◆ Succeeding with product development
- ◆ Legal issues and industry relationships

◆ And, Much More Including:

- ◆ Business CEO panels
- ◆ Multiple debates
- ◆ Case panels

“One of my favorite meetings due to its small size facilitating camaraderie in a beautiful, relaxed setting”



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Pre-Meeting: Investment and Innovation Summit Fee	\$ 150
Main Meeting	
Surgeons	\$ 695
Fellows, Residents & Allied Health	\$ 395
Representatives of Non-Exhibiting Device Companies	\$ 1,975
Representatives of Financial/Investment Companies	\$ 395
Late Registration Fee (after June 1)	\$ 50

Registration fee includes all scientific sessions, meeting materials, and related social events.

Cancellations and Refunds

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Attendance

The course chairs reserve the right to refuse admission to anyone whose presence is considered to be incompatible with course objectives.

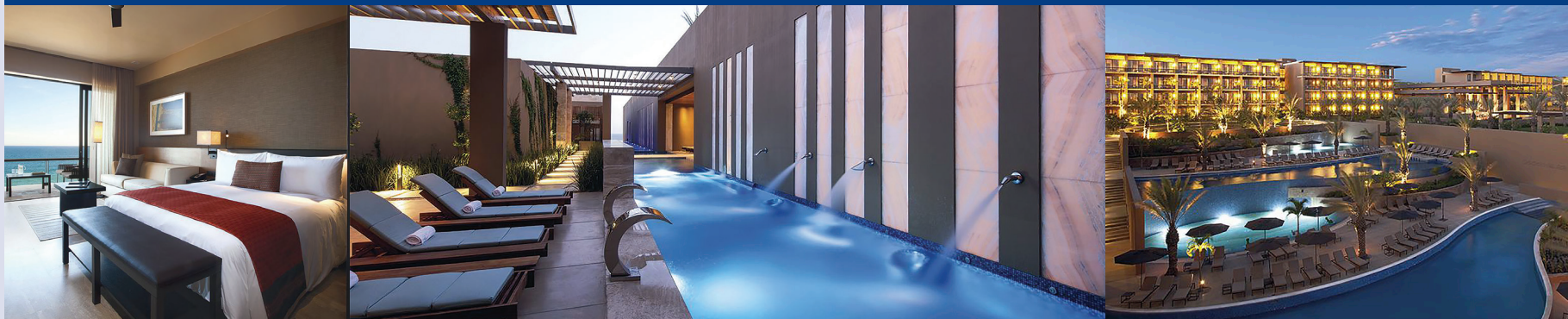
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