

WFNS DUBAI 2025

30th November – 5th December

Join the World's Premier Neurosurgical Gathering — WFNS 2025 Dubai

WFNS 2025 in Dubai brings together the global neurosurgical community for an unforgettable week of learning, innovation, and collaboration. With one of the most extensive scientific programs ever assembled, this congress offers **high-impact keynote lectures, cutting-edge specialty sessions, and the largest lineup of hands-on workshops in WFNS history.**

Why You Should Attend

At WFNS 2025, you will engage directly with the leaders shaping the future of neurosurgery. From breakthrough neuro-oncology insights to advancements in spine, neurotrauma, skull base, endoscopy, and functional neurosurgery—every session is designed to elevate your practice.

Hands-On Workshops — A Unique Opportunity

Start your WFNS experience with intensive, immersive workshops held by world-class experts. These pre-meeting courses offer **real surgical simulation, cadaveric training, and direct mentorship** across major neurosurgical domains, including:

- **Cervical Spine, Spinal Deformity & Endoscopic Spine Surgery**
- **White Matter Dissection, Microvascular Bypass and Vascular CEA**
- **Stereotactic & Functional Neurosurgery**
- **Neuroendoscopy**, with multiple advanced training stations
- **Exoscope-Assisted and & Robotic Spine Surgery** using modern visualization platforms

Workshops provide **practical, hands-on skills** you can immediately apply in the operating room.

Scientific Sessions You Can't Miss

The scientific program features:

- Inspiring **Keynote Lectures** delivered by global pioneers
- High-level **Plenary Sessions** addressing the most pressing challenges in neurosurgery
- Over 30 **Specialty Breakaway Sessions** covering advanced spine care, global neurosurgery, neurotrauma, skull base, neuroanatomy, peripheral nerve, cerebrovascular, and more
- Daily **Breakfast Seminars** offering focused, case-based learning

Each session is crafted to provide **actionable knowledge, technical refinements, and cutting-edge updates** across the entire neurosurgical spectrum.

Be Part of WFNS 2025 Dubai – Where Neurosurgery Moves Forward

Whether you are a resident, a young neurosurgeon, or a seasoned consultant, WFNS 2025 gives you unparalleled access to new techniques, global perspectives, and hands-on mastery. Join us in Dubai and experience neurosurgical education at its highest standard.

PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS

THE LIST OF HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

White Matter Dissection

30.11.2025 | 8 AM – 5 PM

Endoscopic Spine Surgery

30.11.2025 | 7.30 AM – 1 PM

Microvascular Bypass

30.11.2025 | 8 AM – 12 PM

Neuroendoscopy

01.12.2025 | 7.30 AM – 1 PM

Vascular CEA

30.11.2025 | 8 AM – 6 PM

Cervical Spine

30.11.2025 | 8 AM – 5 PM

Robotic Assisted Spinal Surgery/ Exoscopic and Ultra Microsurgery Course

01.12.2025 | 08.30 AM – 4 PM

Spinal Deformity

01.12.2025 | 8 AM – 5 PM

Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery

01.12.2025 | 8 AM – 4 PM

REGISTRATION FORM



NEUROENDOSCOPY | HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

30.11.25 | 8 AM - 5 PM

DIRECTORS



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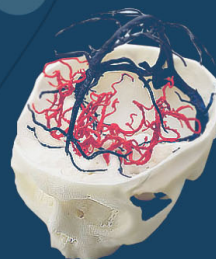
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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP | CERVICAL SPINE

30.11.2025 | 8 AM – 5 PM

DIRECTORS:



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PROGRAMME:

Morning Session:

Posterior Approaches (Upper cervical fixations, Subaxial fixation, Laminoplasty)

Afternoon Session:

Anterior approaches (Anterior foraminotomy, oblique corpectomy, ACDF & ACCF)



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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP | WHITE MATTER DISSECTION

30.11.2025 | 8 AM – 5 PM

DIRECTORS:



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(Japan)



Abhidha Shah
(India)



Mehmet Sabri Gurbuz
(Turkey)

PROGRAMME:

A neurosurgical deep dive into the lateral and medial aspects of the brain, with a focus on the insula. Enhance your understanding of surgical anatomy and operative approaches.

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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

VASCULAR CEA

REGISTRATION FORM – www.wfns2025.org/registration

DATE TIME	30. 11. 2025 9 AM – 6 PM
VENUE	The Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)
ORGANISERS	Cerebrovascular Committee

**THE FULL LIST OF HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS WITH
DETAILED PROGRAMME**
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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

MICROVASCULAR BYPASS

REGISTRATION FORM - www.wfns2025.org/registration

DATE TIME	30. 11. 2025 8 AM – 12 PM
VENUE	The Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)
CHAIRS	Bin Xu (China), Mehmet Sabri (Türkiye)
ORGANISERS	Young Neurosurgeons & Cerebrovascular Education Committee

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SPINAL DEFORMITY | HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

01.12.25 | 8 AM - 5 PM

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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

ENDOSCOPIC SPINE SURGERY

REGISTRATION FORM - www.wfns2025.org/registration

DATE TIME	1.12.2025 8:30 AM - 4 PM
VENUE	The Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)
CHAIRS	Nikolay Peev (UK), Muhammad Abd-El-Barr (USA), Francesco Costa (Italy)
ORGANISERS	Spine & Education & Innovation Committee
FACULTY	Ashraf Abouharb (UK), Harrison KIM (South Korea), Wu Pang Hung (Singapore), Hikmet Ulug (Turkiye), Kang Taek Lim (South Korea), Jose Sanmillan (Spain), Nicolai El Hindy (Germany), Stefan Motov (Switzerland), Hamid Abbassi (USA), Albert Sufianov (Russia), Jose Sanmillan (Spain), Shrinivas Rohidas (India)

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Announcing Hands on Workshop on

EXOSCOPE, ULTRAMICRO- NEUROSURGERY & ROBOTIC SURGERY



December
1st, 2025



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DUBAI WORLD TRADE CENTRE

Five recognized innovators in Ultra micro neurosurgery and Hypervision OR Integration. They have pioneered exoscope-based aneurysm and skull-base workflows, authored Vascular Ultra micro neurosurgery under the Exoscope (2025) and trained thousands of neurosurgeons globally.

Directors



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Director of Neurosciences, Parul
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Vadodra (India)
Founder - Neurosurgery Coach



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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

STEREOTACTIC AND FUNCTIONAL NEUROSURGERY

REGISTRATION FORM - www.wfns2025.org/registration

DATE | TIME

1. 12. 2025 | 8 AM – 4 PM

VENUE

The Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)

CHAIRS

Atilla Yilmaz (Turkey), Aly Ibrahim (Egypt)

ORGANISERS

Stereotactic & Functional Committee

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PLENARY SESSIONS



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Rising Africa with WFNS – Bridging Continents, Advancing Neurosurgery





Nasser El Ghandour
(Egypt)

Neurosurgical Training in Egypt and Africa



Aminath Kelani
(Niger)

Management of intracranial tumors in a limited resources country: the case of Niger Republic



Jeff Ntalaja
(Congo)

Status of Neurosurgery in Africa



Mubashir Mahmood Qureshi
(Kenya)

African Board of Neurosurgery – a Pragmatic Roadmap Towards Its Realization



Kazadi Kalangu
(Zimbabwe)

Does Advanced Technology Equal Better Neurosurgical Outcomes?



PLENARY SPEAKERS FROM USA





Jacques Morcos
(USA)

Cavernous angiomas of the brainstem: Surgical strategies



Ossama Al-Mefty
(USA)

The Surge of High Grade Meningioma



Kenan Arnaudovic
(USA)

Anterior Clinoid Meningiomas: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly and The Nasty

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5 INVITED SPEAKERS FOR THE PLENARY SESSION OF ASIA





Liwei Zhang
(China)

Brainstem Glioma: Experience from Beijing



Misra Basant
(India)

Young Neurosurgeons Training for Aneurysm



Ture Ugur
(Turkey)

Microsurgical Approaches to the Brainstem: Tricks of the Trade



Goel Atul
(India)

Gliomas are 'confined' tumors- surgical implications



Kanaan Imad
(Saudi Arabia)

Merits of Endoscopy-Assisted Approach in Skull base Micro Neurosurgery



Amal Abou Hamden
(Australia)

Surgical management of Giant and Complex Aneurysm in Endovascular Era



WEDNESDAY 3 rd DEC														
TIME	ROOM 1 Exhibition Hall 6	ROOM 2 Exhibition Hall 5	ROOM 3 Sheikh Maktoum A	ROOM 4 Sheikh Maktoum B	ROOM 5 Sheikh Maktoum C	ROOM 6 Sheikh Maktoum D	ROOM 7 Dubai C+D	ROOM 8 Ras Al Khaimah						
07:30 - 08:30	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 9: Guidelines and Consensus in SCI	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 10: Video Session for Thoraco-Lumbar Approaches	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 11: Aneurysms	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 12: Updates and New Frontiers in Peripheral Nerve Surgery-2	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 13: Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 14: Frontiers in Neurosurgical Research	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 15: Video on Neuroendoscopy	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 16: Masterclass in Skull Base 2						
08:30 - 10:00	KEYNOTE 2 Management of gliomas: Is there a progress?	KEYNOTE 3 The role of neurosurgeon in stroke	KEYNOTE 4 Minimally invasive spine surgery	KEYNOTE 5 Neuroendoscopy Session	KEYNOTE 6 Innovations in Skull Base Surgery	KEYNOTE 7 AVMs	KEYNOTE 8 Advances in Skull Base Surgery							
10:00 - 10:45	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS													
10:45 - 12:45	PLENARY SESSION 2 (Exhibition Hall 6)													
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM / WOMEN IN NEUROSURGERY													
14:00 - 15:00	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 11: Metastatic Spine Tumors Guidelines	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 12: Complications in Spine Surgery	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 13: Stereotactic and Functional 2	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 14: Peripheral nerves in NF and tumor-like conditions	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 15: Minimally Invasive Techniques in Neurotrauma (TBI/ SCI)	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 17: Education for Young Neurosurgeons; Current and Future Strategies	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 18: Craniocervical junction surgery: WFNS Recommendations	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 19: Cerebrovascular Disease in Children and Adolescents						
14:00 - 16:00					SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 16: Complications in Neurotrauma Surgical Management (TBI/ SCI)									
16:00 - 16:30	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS													
16:30 - 18:30	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS													
18:30 - 19:30	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS													

TIME	THURSDAY 4 th DEC							
	ROOM 1 Exhibition Hall 6	ROOM 2 Exhibition Hall 5	ROOM 3 Sheikh Maktoum A	ROOM 4 Sheikh Maktoum B	ROOM 5 Sheikh Maktoum C	ROOM 6 Sheikh Maktoum D	ROOM 7 Dubai C+D	ROOM 8 Ras Al Khaimah
07:30 - 08:30	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 17: Video Session for Skull Base Endoscopy	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 18: Thoracic Disc Herniation	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 19: Temporal Lobectomy - How I Do It	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 20: AVMs	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 21: MasterClass in Skull Base			BREAKFAST SEMINAR 24: Masterclass in Skull Base 3
08:30 - 10:00	KEYNOTE 9 Vestibular Schwannomas: Treatment Options	KEYNOTE 10 The Role of Advocacy in Neurosurgery	KEYNOTE 11 Skull Base Endoscopy: In and Around the Sella	KEYNOTE 12 Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy	KEYNOTE 13 Science and Skull Base Surgery	KEYNOTE 14 Cavernous Malformations	KEYNOTE 15 Frontiers in Skull Base Surgery	
10:00 - 10:45	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS							
10:45 - 12:45	PLENARY SESSION 3 (Exhibition Hall 6)							
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM							
14:00 - 15:00	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 20: Primary Spine Tumors Guidelines	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 21: How to avoid a shunt	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 22: Critical Care of Neurotrauma (TBI/ SCI)	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 24: Neuroanatomy Applied to Neurosurgery: Skull Base and Vascular Lesions	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 25: Military Neurosurgery	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 26: Peripheral Nerve Surgery Integrated in Neurosurgery	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 27: Stereotactic and Functional 3	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 28: Global Neurosurgery: Education and Training
14:00 - 16:00			SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 23: Surgical Management of Neurotrauma (TBI/ SCI)					
16:00 - 16:30	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS							
16:30 - 18:30	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS							
18:30 - 19:30	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS							
19:00 - 22:00	NETWORKING DINNER							



TIME	FRIDAY 5 th DEC							
	ROOM 1 Exhibition Hall 6	ROOM 2 Exhibition Hall 5	ROOM 3 Sheikh Maktoum A	ROOM 4 Sheikh Maktoum B	ROOM 5 Sheikh Maktoum C	ROOM 6 Sheikh Maktoum D	ROOM 7 Dubai C+D	ROOM 8 Ras Al Khaimah
07:30 - 08:30	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 25: PODCAST	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 26: Cavernous Malformations	BREAKFAST SEMINAR 27: Masterclass in Skull Base					BREAKFAST SEMINAR 32: Masterclass in Skull Base 4
08:30 - 10:00	KEYNOTE 16 Global Neurosurgery Policy	KEYNOTE 17 Degenerative spinal deformity	KEYNOTE 18 Innovations and Working with the Industry	KEYNOTE 19 Education in Spine Surgery	KEYNOTE 20 Surgical Techniques: Video from the Masters	KEYNOTE 21 Aneurysms	KEYNOTE 22 How I Do It Skull Base Surgery	
10:00 - 10:45	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS							
10:45 - 12:45	PLENARY SESSION 4 (Exhibition Hall 6)							
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM							
14:00 - 15:00	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 29: Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 30: Major Complications in Minor Surgeries	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 31: Contemporary Issues in Craniopharyngiomas and other Skull Base Tumors	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 32: The key to the operative planning - Patient positioning	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 33: Research Opportunities in Global Neurosurgery	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 34: Brachial Plexus Injury	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 35: Innovation and Technology in Spine Surgery	SPECIALTY BREAKAWAYS 36: Stereotactic and Functional 4
14:00 - 16:00								
16:00 - 16:30	CLOSING CEREMONY							

