

11TH ANNUAL

Safety

IN SPINE SURGERY SUMMIT

NEW YORK CITY



FRIDAY
JUNE 5
2026

Convene, 237 Park Avenue, New York, NY

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We invite you to join us for the 11th Annual Safety in Spine Surgery Summit! Join an expert faculty for a fresh look at optimizing safety in spine surgery. We'll explore topics such as:

- ▶ Human Factors and Cognitive Safety
- ▶ Two Leaders in One Room: Benefits and Pitfalls
- ▶ Nightmare Cases: What Went Wrong
- ▶ Hemodynamic Management and Wound Closure Optimization
- ▶ Before the Cut: The Performance of Participation

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Faculty Subject to Change

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER...

Mark Rivera

Saxophonist, Multi-
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New York, NY



*"Excellent Conference. Touched upon
all levels of interest for my practice."*

—2025 Attendee

Bringing the whole team? Contact adoherty@broad-water.com for group discounts on registration!



Safety in Spine Surgery Project Research Grants

SAFETY IN SPINE SURGERY PROJECT is proud to continue its grant program dedicated to advancing research in spine surgery safety, quality, and value.

- ▶ Two grants will be awarded annually with a maximum value of \$10,000 each. The project durations can vary from 1 year to 2 years.
- ▶ Any research project promoting safety in spine surgery may be eligible
- ▶ Apply by **April 1, 2026**

TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY,

VISIT OUR APPLICATION PAGE

“This is my third consecutive year attending the course. I’ve been following it since 2021. We have improved postoperative outcomes in both children and adults, and I have not had any more infections in pediatric scoliosis cases.”

—2025 Attendee

Course Objectives

At the completion of the program, participants should be able to:

1

Describe specific strategies to enhance safety in spine surgery, including the role of human factors and cognitive processes in patient safety and surgical decision-making, dual-attending surgical approach, preoperative planning and patient optimization, blood management, and evidence-based wound closure strategies.

2

Discuss ways to optimize spine surgeon performance and standardize the execution of spine cases to improve outcomes.

3

Describe best practices for adopting technology to enhance patient safety, including AI, navigation, and robotics.

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NewYork-Presbyterian



Who SHOULD ATTEND

- ▶ Neurologic, orthopedic, pediatric and trauma surgeons, fellows and residents
- ▶ Pre-op to recovery spine surgery team members:
 - Nurses and PAs
 - Neuro monitoring
 - Anesthesia techs
 - OR techs
- ▶ OR management personnel
- ▶ Hospital quality and safety personnel
- ▶ Hospital leadership responsible for Spine Service

Program

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026

7:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:45 AM Welcome M. VITALE

7:50 AM SESSION 1: Human Factors and Cognitive Safety MOD: R. SETHI & M. VITALE

- ▶ Why is Spine Surgery So Hard? D. POLLY
- ▶ Cognitive Autopilot in the OR: Recognizing Fatigue-Driven Errors G. MUNDIS
- ▶ Wrong-level Near Miss: Anatomy, Bias, or System? B. ROYE
- ▶ The Bent Surgeon: Ergonomics and Longevity in Spine Surgery D. SKAGGS

8:42 AM SESSION 2: Technology, Navigation, and Robotics Safety MOD: L. LENKE

- ▶ When Navigation Fails: Anatomy, Algorithm, or Operator? R. LEHMAN
- ▶ AI in Surgical Planning: Decision Support vs. Decision Drift J. LOMBARDI
- ▶ When Anatomy Isn't on Your Side: Choosing the Right Tool for the Right Deformity E. BEAUCHAMP
- ▶ Utilizing Technology to Enhance Efficiency and Safety H. J. KIM

9:26 AM SESSION 3: Two Leaders in One Room: Training Benefits and Pitfalls of Dual Attending Surgery MOD: M. VITALE

Panel: S. Qureshi, H. J. Kim, M. Gupta, R. Sethi, R. Anderson

9:56 AM Refreshment Break

10:26 AM SESSION 4: Standardizing Execution

My Nightmare Case: Lessons Learned
Cases from S. Lewis, L. Lenke, M. Gupta, V. Nemani

10:56 AM SESSION 5: Blood Management, and Wound Closure Optimization

- ▶ Cell-Saver, Yes or No?? V. NEMANI
- ▶ Hemodynamic Management Beyond TXA S. GLASSMAN
- ▶ Top 5 Reasons Why Orthopedic Surgeons Don't Ask for Plastic's Help T. IMAHIYEROBO

11:30 AM SESSION 6: Keynote Lecture

- ▶ Introduction to Keynote Lecture M. VITALE
- Rock saxophonist with Billy Joel, Ringo Starr, and others MARK RIVERA

12:20 PM Lunch

Program

1:00 PM **SESSION 7: Best Papers**

1:55 PM **SESSION 8: Before the Cut:
The Performance of Preparation**

MOD: E. BEAUCHAMP

- ▶ Aligning the Plan Before the Spine:
A Stepwise Approach to Preop Planning
in AdIS
- ▶ Preparing the Vulnerable Spine:
Multidisciplinary Optimization in
Neuromuscular Scoliosis
- ▶ Outcomes of an Interprofessional Lifestyle
Medicine Program for Health Risk
Mitigation Prior to Surgery

Z. SARDAR

T. GUILLAUME

H. PRATHER

2:31 PM **SESSION 9: Industry and
Innovation Panel**

MOD: R. SETHI &
M. VITALE

Better, Not Just New: Evidence-Driven Growth
in Spine Technology

3:01 PM **SESSION 10: ASC, Safety in Private
Practice, Health and Economics**

MOD: R. SETHI

Panel: V. Yanamadala, L. Nkrumah



Meeting Location, Hotel, and Registration

 **Register Today!**

LOCATION

Convene 237 Park
237 Park Avenue
New York, NY, 10017, USA

HOTEL

The Westin New York Grand Central
212 East 42nd Street
New York, NY, 10017

A group block will be available at the modern Westin Grand Central, less than four blocks from our meeting venue. Our guests will enjoy these thoughtful perks with their stay:

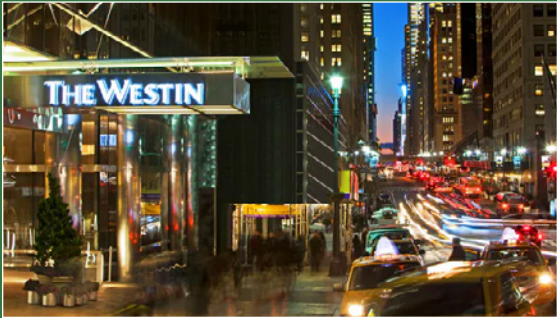
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- ▶ \$20.00 Dry Cleaning Credit
- ▶ Citi Bike Pass for two, per stay
- ▶ Yoga class for one at local studio, per day
- ▶ Enhanced Internet

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- ▶ **Room Rates and Reservations**
Single Occupancy: \$379++ p/night
Please note that the list price will include a \$30.00 p/n mandatory destination fee, or \$409
- ▶ To book by phone, call **1-(212) 490-8900** and provide the group name Safety in Spine Surgery

RESERVE ONLINE NOW

- ▶ **Booking Deadline: May 4, 2026**



REGISTRATION

Fast, Easy and Secure Online Registration:
<https://broadwater.regfox.com/safety-2026>
Register early as the limited space will fill very rapidly!

Main Course Registration

Surgeons	\$795
Fellows/Residents/ Allied Health	\$425
Healthcare administration, corporate personnel	\$795
Late Registration Fee (after April 30)	\$100

- ▶ The program will commence at 7:45 am and adjourn by 4:00 pm on Friday, June 5, 2026.
- ▶ Registration includes breakfast, breaks, lunch, and meeting materials.

Registration

PHYSICIAN ACCREDITATION AND CREDIT DESIGNATION

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Medical Education Resources (MER) and Safety in Spine Surgery Project (S3P.) MER is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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This program is jointly provided by Medical Education Resources, Inc. and Safety in Spine Surgery Project (S3P.)



COMMERCIAL SUPPORT

Various medical companies have been invited to exhibit at this course. Full disclosure of financial and other support will be disclosed in the course syllabus materials.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

- ▶ You may cancel your registration for a full refund in case of health-related travel restrictions (from institution or state or federal government) or medical emergency.
- ▶ Cancellation for other reasons: Full refund less \$100 administrative fee if written notice of cancellation is received by May 4. No refunds given after May 4, 2026.
- ▶ Other costs incurred by the registrant, such as airline or hotel penalties, are the responsibility of the registrant.

QUESTIONS

**Safety in Spine Surgery Project,
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ATTENDANCE

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

SUMMIT CANCELLATION OR NON-ATTENDANCE

- ▶ In the unlikely event that an emergency prevents us from holding the Safety Summit in person, 50% of registration fees will be refunded and 50% of registration fees will be applied either to a virtual meeting, or to next year's meeting
- ▶ In the unlikely event of insufficient enrollment, we reserve the right to cancel the course 21 days prior. Registrants will be notified by certified mail and registration fees will be refunded. Airline and other costs incurred by the registrant are the responsibility of the registrant and will not be refunded.