



SPINE AND FRIENDS

**Failures and complications in spine surgery.
My worst cases: should I have done
something different?**

DATE : 5 June 2026 from 12:00 until 6 June 2026 13:00

PLACE : Musée international de la Croix-Rouge et
du Croissant-Rouge, Genève



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Spine and Friends, Geneva 2026 brings together leading spine surgeons and specialists to openly discuss failures, complications and challenging cases in spine surgery.

Under the theme “My worst cases: should I have done something different?”, this two-day meeting aims to encourage honest, constructive and practical exchanges around surgical decision-making, complication prevention and management strategies.

Through real-life cases and expert insights, participants will have the opportunity to learn from experience, share perspectives and reflect on how complex situations can help improve future patient care.

PROGRAMME

Day 1 Friday 05.06.2026

12:00 – 13:00	Welcome Lunch
13:00 – 13:10	Introduction Prof. Enrico Tessitore and Dr Claudio Schonauer

Challenges in endoscopic surgery

13:10 – 13:30	Uniportal endoscopy: my worst cases Dr. Jean-Yves Fournier
13:30 – 13:50	Unilateral biportal endoscopy: Complications and limitations Dr. Gabriele Capo

Traumatic spine

13:50 – 14:10	Failures in thoraco-lumbar traumatic injuries Dr. Marisa Gandia Gonzalez
14:10 – 14:30	Complex cervical subaxial fractures: anterior vs posterior vs combined Dr. Alexandre Simonin
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee break

Vertebral osteomyelitis:

prevention and management of post-infectious deformity

- 15:00 – 15:20 **Incidence and management of post-infectious deformity**
Dr. Andreas Demetriades
- 15:20 – 15:40 **Can we prevent surgical site infection? Role of Vancomycin**
Prof. Ralph Schaer
- 15:40 – 16:00 **A new automated surgeon-driven logbook: the Surge-ID solution**
Dr. Amir El Rahal
- 16:00 – 16:20 **Wrap up and conclusions 1st day**

Day 2 Saturday 06.06.2026

Complications in adult deformity surgery

- 08:30 – 08:50 **Proximal junctional kyphosis: how to prevent its occurrence in ASD**
Dr. Granit Molliqaj
- 08:50 – 09:10 **Revision in adult deformity correction failure**
Dr. Antonio Faundez

Surgical challenges in patients with osteopenic bone

- 09:10 – 09:30 **Learning from mistakes: Thoraco-lumbar failures**
Dr. Ivan Cabrilo
- 09:30 – 09:50 **Learning from mistakes: Lumbo-sacral failures**
Prof. Claudius Thomé
- 09:50 – 10:10 **How to prevent hardware failure in osteoporosis surgery**
Prof. Gianluca Maestretti
- 10:10 – 10:40 Coffee break

Failure in tumor cases

- 10:40 – 11:00 **Malignant extramedullary tumor: a case with unfortunate outcome**
Dr. Mark Kotter
- 11:00 – 11:20 **Post-laminectomy kyphosis after tumor surgery: a myth or reality?**
Dr. Andrea Bartoli

Degenerative spine

- 11:20 – 11:40 **My worst case: should I have done something different?**
Prof. Oliver Gautschi
- 11:40 – 12:00 **My worst case: should I have done something different?**
Prof. Florian Ringel

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

- Swiss Society of Neurosurgery
- Swiss Society of Orthopaedics

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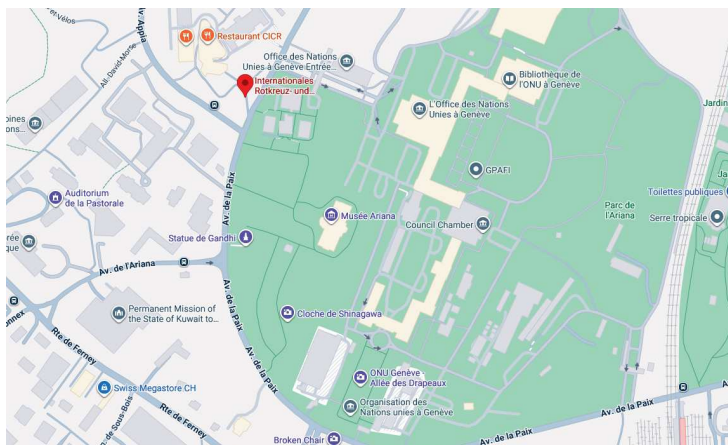
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