

# 2020 AOSpine International Observership Program

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# AOSpine Observership



The observership program is a unique opportunity for surgeons to experience the complexity of certain pathologies and techniques. Such a program now reaches a wider range of centers around the world, including non-AOSpine centers.

The program was developed to ensure that the knowledge and skills acquired in AO Educational Events are applied in the daily work of spine surgeons in the region. It is an outstanding way for Latin American members to advance their professional careers with benefit to the lives of their patients. For a certain period of time participants will watch highly skilled spine surgeons working with one specific technique or pathology, such as MISS, trauma, deformity or tumor.

The goal is to acquire knowledge with some of the best world experts in the field of those disorders and who are willing to pass on this knowledge to colleagues who want to learn and apply these specific skills in their practices.

**Duration:** From one (1) to four (4) weeks (according to the center availability)

**Stipend:** Depending on the duration of the program, applicants may be eligible to CHF 1,000 stipend.

## Requirements:



Be an AOSpine member for at least three years by the subscription deadline.



Specialization in orthopedic or neurosurgery.



Have attended at least one AOSpine advanced course related with the particular pathology.



More than three years of proven experience in spine surgery of the correspondent pathology.



Proof of language proficiency, according to the chosen center.

**Registration:** from September 5<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



**Application form:** See AOSpine [link](#) for application forms. With the application candidates must provide the following documentation.

- Resumé (with papers published).
- Diploma or Certificate of Neurosurgery and/or Orthopedics Specialist (copy/es).
- Certificates of the most recent AOSpine Advanced courses (copy/es).
- Recommendation letter from a senior surgeon (stating that the participant has more than three years of experience in spine surgery).
- Proof of language proficiency.

### Pathology/techniques available:



**Trauma**



**MISS**



**Tumor**



**Deformity**  
Adult and Pediatric

### Terms and conditions:

- Participants will be responsible for their travel and accommodation expenses.
- Participants must provide their health and travel insurance valid in the country of destination for the entire duration of the program with full assistance and medical coverage and must follow the requirements of the chosen institution.
- Visas and licenses: while attending programs outside their home country, observers will be subjected to the local laws and restrictions applied to medical practice by foreigners. The observers must have in mind that without a specific medical license there is no guarantee that they will be allowed to practice surgical procedures during their training and may be restricted to watch and take notes.
- To receive the attendance certificate, participants must fill out the feedback form.
- Upon acceptance, observers will coordinate with the host surgeon the dates and visit agenda.
- Bank transfers can only be made to a bank account in the observer's name. AOSpine will not transfer money to a third-party bank account.

### Support and contact:

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