

## Registration

Registration for the course will only be possible via [www.utrechtspinecourse.com](http://www.utrechtspinecourse.com)  
The online registration system will remain open until 20 March 2024. After this date registrations can only be made on-site at the meeting venue.

## Registration fees (including 21% VAT)

	Before 1 February 2024	Between 1 February and 20 March 2024	Onsite
Full delegate - 22 March	€ 250,00	€ 300,00	€ 350,00
Resident and paramedic - 22 March	€ 100,00	€ 125,00	€ 150,00
Course dinner - 22 March	€ 65,00	€ 75,00	-
Cadaver lab* - 23 March	€ 250,00	€ 300,00	€ 350,00

\*Maximum availability of 20 persons, on a first come, first serve base.

The registration fee includes participation in the scientific programme, lunch/coffee/tea during breaks, exhibition visit and drinks at the end of the course.

## Accreditation

A request for European accreditation is submitted to the UEMS/EACCME.

## Cadaver lab

For a limited group, a cadaver lab with hands-on training of different techniques is provided on Saturday morning 23 March from 08.00 till 13.30 (lunch afterwards). Registration for the cadaver lab can be done through our online registration system and is only possible in combination with a course registration. Registration of participants is processed on a first come, first served base. Costs are € 250,00 when you register before 1 February 2024.

## Venue

University Medical Centre Utrecht  
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## Organising committee

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# Invitation

# Spinal Infections

**22 - 23 March 2024**

UMC Utrecht - The Netherlands

# Welcome at the Utrecht Spine Course

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the upcoming 5th edition of the Utrecht Spine Course. For the 2024 edition of this course we have chosen 'Spinal Infections' as the overarching theme. In this course we will interactively share our concepts for the clinical care of patients with spinal infections, both in the native and operated spine. Clinical work-up, conservative therapies and various surgical approaches will be discussed. This way, you will better understand and learn our treatment algorithms for spinal infections which will help you to treat these patients in your own hospital in the future. Next to lectures, there is ample time for case-based discussions and interaction with the faculty. For a limited group, a cadaver lab with hands-on training of different (innovative) techniques is provided on Saturday. We sincerely hope you will attend this very comprehensive course, it promises to be a great educational experience.

On behalf of the Utrecht Spine Unit,

*Jasper van Tiel*

## Programme Friday 22 March Spinal Infections

- 08:45 Welcome and introduction  
*Prof. dr. L.W. van Rhijn and Dr. J. van Tiel*
- 09:00 Guidelines for spinal infections in adults and children  
*Dr. D.H.R. Kempen*
- 09:30 AO classification for spinal infections  
*Prof. Dr. F.C. Öner*
- 10:00 Imaging and image guided interventions for spinal infections  
*Dr. W. Foppen*
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Antibiotic treatment of spinal infections  
*Dr. R.J. Rentenaar*
- 11:30 Surgical treatment of spinal infections  
*Dr. S.P.J. Muijs*
- 12:00 Surgical treatment of epidural and cervical prevertebral abscess in spinal infections  
*Drs. S.J.H. Diederén*
- 12:30 Lunch

- 13:30 Spinal Tuberculosis  
*Dr. T. Mudrikova*
- 14:00 Treatment of and prevention of acute implant related infections  
*Prof. Dr. M.C. Kruijt*
- 14:30 Case discussion: Conservative versus early operative treatment  
*Dr. S. Sadiqi*
- 15:00 Break
- 15:30 Occult infections and pseudarthrosis after spinal fusion  
*Dr. T.P.C. Schlösser*
- 16:00 The complicated spinal wound  
*Drs. D.D. Krijgh*
- 16:30 Towards better understanding and treatment of spinal infections  
*Prof. Dr. H.H. Weinans*
- 17:00 Closure and Drinks

## Programme Saturday 23 March Hands-on cadaveric lab

### Hands-on surgical skills lab

- 08:00 Hands-on training  
10:00 Break  
10:30 Hands-on training  
12:30 Closure and lunch

### Surgical skills stations:

- Treatment of spondylodiscitis with massive bony destruction and bone loss using a mesh-cage  
*Dr. S.P.J. Muijs*
- Costotransversectomy  
*Prof. dr. M.C. Kruijt*
- Percutaneous stabilization, drainage of perivertebral abscess and the sacroiliac joint  
*Dr. T.P.C. Schlösser*
- Anterior abscess drainage and corpectomy for cervical spondylodiscitis  
*Dr. N. Moayeri*

### Faculty

*Drs. S.J.H. Diederén  
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Dr. W. Foppen  
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Dr. D.H.R. Kempen  
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