

# **The Surgery of Spinal Dysraphism**

## **A Practical Guide**

Date Monday October 5, 2026  
Time 09:00 – 14:00  
Venue Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt 57357

### **Learning Objectives**

- Know the contemporary management of spinal dysraphism with particular emphasis on conus region lipomas.
- Discuss common controversies and current perspectives on clinical assessment, treatment and the management of early and late complications.
- Patient selection and surgical technique are key factors in determining the quality of outcome in spinal dysraphism and these aspects will be addressed through a series of talks, operative video and case-based discussion.
- Hands-on session addressing the use of laser in surgical treatment.
- Registrants will be provided with selected course materials:
  - Bibliography
  - PDFs
  - Videos

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## **Course Program**

08:00 09:00 Registration

09:00 10:20 **Session 1 – Spinal Dysraphism I**

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|-------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 9:00  | 9:20  | Making Sense of the Classifications of Spinal Dysraphism | G. Jallo    |
| 9:20  | 9:40  | Selecting Patients for Untethering Surgery               | B. Warf     |
| 9:40  | 10:00 | Surgery of LDM and Split Cord - Video                    | R. Keating  |
| 10:00 | 10:20 | Intra-operative Monitoring for Untethering Surgery       | I. Jankovic |

10:20 10:50 **Coffee Break**

10:50 12:10 **Session 2 – Spinal Dysraphism II**

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|-------|-------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 10:50 | 11:10 | Surgery of Conus Region Lipomas              | D. Thompson  |
| 11:10 | 11:30 | Pitfalls and Complications of Lipoma Surgery | W. Tew Seow  |
| 11:30 | 11:50 | Re-tethering after Lipoma Surgery            | L. Valentini |
| 11:50 | 12:10 | Closure of Myelomeningocele                  | D. Thompson  |

12:10 12:40 **Coffee Break**

12:40 14:00 **Session 3 – Spinal Dysraphism III (Hands-On)**

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| 12:40 | 13:30 | YAG Laser in Lipoma surgery- Hands On | R. Keating  |
| 13:30 | 14:00 | Case-based Discussions                | D. Thompson |