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The MIS World in 2010

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The 2nd World Congress of Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery & Techniques is convening the first week in June at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas to consider, debate, demonstrate, and promote the benefits of effective surgical techniques that cause minimal disruption so that spine patients can get on with their lives and back to work as quickly as possible.

In an era of comparative and cost effectiveness, such procedures may appeal to payers looking to slow the increasing costs of surgery.

This year's scientific program, organized by one of the fiercest advocates and promoter of minimally invasive (MIS) spine surgery, Tony

Yeung, M.D., is bringing the wisdom of the world to the Congress. Program chair is Gun Choi, M.D.

Expert panelists include: David Bradford, M.D., Wolfgang Rauschnig, M.D., Ph.D. and Hansen Yuan, M.D. The Presidential Guest Speaker is Alex Hadjipavlou, M.D.

The Yeung Guarantee

As usual, Yeung guarantees attendees practical and immediately useful information and techniques for their practices. "Not only will there be much to do and see in Las Vegas, I guarantee that every delegate will come away with new ideas and new information. If you are

already practicing MIS surgery and diagnostic techniques, the meeting will immediately impact your practice of MIS surgery."

Identifying, Managing and Treating Pain

"Surgeons are going to have to learn how to do a better job of identifying their patient's pain, manage that pain with cost effective and least intrusive methods. To do so will elevate MIS surgery from a 'last resort' status to a 'most effective' status," adds Yeung.

Industry/Surgeon Collaborative

Yeung says the meeting is also going to be industry-friendly as organizers of the Congress recognize that practitioners and vendors have to complement each other for the benefit of patients.

"We don't shy away from being 'biased and conflicted' because we strongly believe that what we are doing is beneficial, safe, and cost effective for our patients....and it works in our hands, and can be taught to other physicians," said Yeung.

A pre-meeting cadaver workshop on May 31 will be at the MGM Grand hotel. Attendees can audit the workshop by simply attending the

lectures and cadaver demonstrations or sign up for hands-on instruction. Pre-registration will guarantee a spot for limited hands-on slots.

Program

The Congress program is highlighted by special master overview lectures by world class spine surgeons and interventionalists highlighting each general scientific or paper session
Wolfgang Rauschnig, M.D., Ph.D.,

will again highlight the meeting with informative talks specifically designed to enhance attendees' knowledge of anatomy important to MIS procedures. Professor Rauschnig will introduce the following presentations:

- The Evolution of Degenerative Spinal Disorders
- Lumbar Pain Generators: The Pathologist's Perspective

- Lumbar Spinal Stenosis: Pathoanatomic Guidance for Tissue Sparing Approaches
- Surgical Safeguards and Pitfalls in the Cervical Spine
- How to Negotiate the Pedicle Without Inflicting Tissue Damage

Visit www.iits2010.org for details on the final detailed program.

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