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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

SESSION 1 - METABOLIC BONE DISEASES

Bone Disorders

- · Paget's disease
- Rickets
- · DISH (Forestier's disease)
- · Metabolic bone disease Osteoporosis
- · Outline the etiology of osteoporosis
- · Diagnose osteoporosis using appropriate investigations

Surgical Considerations In Disorders of the Bone

- · Evaluate treatment options
- Compare minimally invasive techniques including vertebroplasty, kyphoplasty and vertebral body stenting

Case Discussion

SESSION 2 - VERTEBRAL OSTEOMYELITIS

Evidence Based Medicine

- Explain the aetiology of vertebral osteomyelitis including: bacterial, tuberculous, and fungal
- Describe the pathogenesis including venous route, arterial inoculation and iatrogenic direct extension
- · Anticipate the routes of spread: vertebral body & intervertebral disc

Symptoms & Diagnosis

- · Recognise the signs and symptoms of vertebral osteolyelitis
- Identify the risk factors (immunodeficiency etc)
- · Select appropriate investigations
- Distinguish on MRI and x-ray the key features that define and contrast both pyogenic and tuberculous spinal lesions

Conservative Management & Indications for Surgical Treatment

- Evaluate options for conservative treatment
- · Compare absolute and relative indications for conservative treatment

Surgical Management of Spinal Infections

- Formulate a plan for infection specific treatment
- · Anticipate complications
- Plan appropriate management
- · Appraise current evidence concerned with spondylitis outcome and prognosis

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SESSION 3 - RHEUMATOID DISEASE

Etiology, Pathogenesis, Symptoms, Diagnosis

- · Explain the etiology of rheumatoid disease
- · Describe the pathogenesis relating rheumatoid disease and joint changes
- · Recognise the signs and symptoms
- · Select and interpret appropriate investigations and imaging
- · Recognise signs of the rheumatoid spine ankylosing spondylitis

Stabilizing & Corrective Surgery of the Spine

- · Describe indications for corrective surgery for ankylosing spondylitis
- · Diagnose occipito-atlantoaxial complex and subaxial cervical spine
- · Differentiate between horizontal and vertical atlantoaxial instability

Diagnosis & Treatment of the Occipito-Atlantoaxial Complex

- Identify the commonly used radiographic lines and measurements for the CO to C2 complex
- Plan appropriate treatment for CO to C2 and sub-axial rheumatic neck problems
- · Appraise current evidence regarding outcome and prognosis

Case Discussion

SESSION 4 - PRINCIPLES OF SURGICAL TREATMENT - OUTCOME

Primary benign and malignant tumors - Diagnosis and management

- Explain the etiology of tumours and tumour like lesions
- · Describe the pathogenesis relating to tumours and tumour like lesions
- Differentiate between primary benign tumours and tumour like lesions
- · Select appropriate investigations, interpret results and stage tumour like lesions
- · Evaluate treatment options
- Anticipate outcomes
- · Formulate a plan for long term monitoring

Secondary malignant tumours - Diagnosis and management

- Justify the relative importance of combined tumour therapy including surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy
- · Evaluate surgical options and results
- · Formulate a multidisciplinary management plan
- · Justify the risks, benefits and impact of radiotherapy and chemotherapy
- · Anticipate complications

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SESSION 5 - SPINAL CORD TUMORS

Intradural extramedullary tumors

- · Become familiar with the potential diagnoses
- Select appropriate diagnostic work-up
- · Clarify indications for surgical treatment
- · Evaluate surgical options and results
- · Formulate a multidisciplinary management plan
- · Expect complications

Intramedullary tumors

- · Become familiar with the commonest pathologies
- · Choose appropriate diagnostic work-up
- Explain indications for surgical treatment
- · Discuss surgical options and results
- · Arrange intraoperative surgical plan
- · Formulate a multidisciplinary approach and management
- · Anticipate complications



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SATURDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2025

COURSE ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

CHAIRMAN: PARMENION TSITSOPOULOS

08:30 - 09:00	Course Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 10:00	Session 1: METABOLIC BONE DISEASES
09:00 - 09:15	Bone Disorders of the Spine E. Melidou
09:15 - 09:30	Osteoporosis. Etiology, Diagnosis and Medical Treatment E. Melidou
09:30 - 09:45	Surgical Considerations E. Antoniades
09:45 - 10:00	Case Discussion (osteoporotic patient)
10:00 - 11:20	Session 2: VERTEBRAL OSTEOMYELITIS
10:00 - 10:20	Etiology, Symptoms & Diagnosis S. Stavridis
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10:20 - 10:35	Conservative Treatment P. Tsitsopoulos
10:20 - 10:35 10:35 - 10:50	
	P. Tsitsopoulos Indications for Surgery & Surgical Management



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11:50 - 13:10	Session 3: RHEUMATOID DISEASE
11:50 - 12.05	Etiology, Pathogenesis, Symptoms and Diagnosis M. Mytilinaiou
12:05 - 12:20	Stabilizing & Corrective Surgery of the TL Spine in Ankylosing Spondylitis S. Stavridis
12:20 - 12:40	Diagnosis & Treatment of disorders in the Occipito-Atlantoaxial Complex D. Bouramas
12:40 - 13:10	Case discussion (rheumatoid disease)
	Faculty
13.10 - 14.00	Lunch break
13:40 - 15:00	Session 4: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TUMORS - OUTCOME
13:40 - 14:00	Primary tumors N. Paidakakos
14:00 - 14:15	Secondary Tumors S. Korfias
14:15 - 14:30	Outcome measures I. Baloyannis
14:30 - 15:00	Case Discussion (extradural tumors) Faculty
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break
15:30 - 17:00	Session 5: TUMORS OF THE SPINAL CORD
15:30 - 15:50	Intradural extramedullary Tumours
	P. Tsitsopoulos
15:50 - 16:10	Intramedullary Tumours S. Voulgaris
16:10 - 16:40	Case discussion (intradural tumors) Faculty
16:40 - 17:40	Conclusion I. Magras – P. Tsitsopoulos



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Module 2: 400€

Module 2 and 5: 700€

Course Date

15 November 2025

Course Venue

Teloglion Foundation of Arts A.U.Th., Thessaloniki, Greece

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English

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