9th Asian Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Premeeting Course I

Minimally invasive approaches to lumbar spinal surgery

INVITATION

The aim of the course is to provide advanced information about minimally invasive spinal approaches. This course is designed to create an environment in which students understand and challenge the use, advantages and limitations of the minimal invasive techniques. Applications for participation can be submitted through the registration page of the course. A total of 30 students will be selected from pre-inscriptions received. The official language of the meeting is English. A certificate of attendance will be presented to all registered participants.

This course will be held at the American Hospital, in Istanbul, on Sept 02, 2012. For detailed information please contact;

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

09:00-09:30 **Opening Ceremony**
Prof. Dr. Şevket Ruacan, Dean, Koç University, School of Medicine
Prof. Dr. Fahir Özer, Koç University, School of Medicine, Department of Neurosurgery

09:30-09:50 **Preserving the ligamentum flavum in microlumbar discectomy.**
Fahir Özer, MD., Professor, Koç University, School of Medicine, Department of Neurosurgery, Istanbul, Turkey

09:50-10:10 **Transforaminal percutaneous endoscopic discectomy.**
Tunç Öktenoğlu, MD., Assoc. Professor, Department of Neurosurgery, American Hospital, Istanbul, Turkey

10:10-10:30 **Percutenous plasma laser coagulation for lumbar disc disease.**
Ömür Erçelen, MD., Assoc. Professor, Koç University, School of Medicine, Department of Anesthesiology & Reanimation, Istanbul, Turkey

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30 Live Surgery: *Preserving the ligamentum flavum in microlumbar discectomy.*

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:00 Live Surgeries: *Transforaminal percutaneous endoscopic discectomy, Percutenous plasma laser coagulation for lumbar disc disease.*
Discussion and questions