THE 16TH ANNUAL
State of Spine Surgery Think Tank

formerly known as The Cabo Meeting

The Ritz-Carlton Aruba
JUNE 27–29, 2019

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Dear Colleagues:

You’re invited to a spine surgery meeting like no other. The State of Spine Surgery Think Tank (formerly The Cabo Meeting) is not your typical “lectures and exhibits” meeting. In fact it is refreshingly different:

- The program is light on lectures, but heavy on lively discussion. It’s your chance to ask the questions that you care about, and to present your own insights.

- The topics focus on the here and now, rather than on academic research that might be relevant in 10 years. How can you adapt to changes in healthcare? Which new technologies and techniques merit your attention? What tips can improve your outcomes?

- The meeting creates remarkable camaraderie among participants, including surgeons, and leaders from device companies and healthcare systems.

Combine all of the above with the exceptional Ritz-Carlton Aruba, and we’re confident that you’ll find it to be an outstanding event. We hope that you’ll join us.

Best regards,

Frank Phillips, MD
MEETING CHAIRMAN

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“This meeting targets the medical ‘elephants in the room’ with open discussion and debates”
—Gregory M. Mundis, Jr., MD
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Partner, Foley & Lardner LLP

*Additional faculty to be added prior to the meeting. Faculty subject to change.

“An outstanding ‘Think-Tank’ with candid, authentic information helping point to the future”
—Stephen Hochschuler, MD
**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**

**SESSION 1: The Business of Spine Care**
- Investing in yourself—the Rothman model
- Is private equity the future?
- Hospital-private practices alignment is the way to go
- Can employed surgeons in university hospitals survive?
- Is the Optum scenario where we all end up?

**SESSION 2: Debate**
Debate: L4-5 Lateral Interbody Fusion: Facts and Fiction
- Transpsoas with neural monitoring is the evidence-based approach
- Ante-psoas approaches address the shortcomings of transpsoas fusion

**Arthroplasty**
- Long term data on cervical disc replacement
- Expansion of indications of CDR. Hybrid cases and CDR adjacent to fusion
- Lumbar disc replacement is the real deal!

**SESSION 3: Physician Wellness**
- Physician burnout, catastrophe or opportunity?
- A psychiatrist’s perspective: Warning signs and treatment options
- Strategies and resources in helping surgeons to cope with burnout
- Meditation and awareness strategies. How can I really do something I don’t really understand?

**SESSION 4: Technology Updates**
- Arthroplasty in evolution: what’s in the pipeline in the US and OUS?
- My worst case ever and what I learned

**SESSION 5: Implant Architecture**
- Basic science of bone-implant interaction
- Is there a need for biologics if the implant architecture is good enough?
- Patient specific implant approaches.

**Technology Updates**
- Industry implant architecture smack down—Porous Peak, Titanium, Peek, Porous Coated, Trabecular Metal, 3D Printed

**Biologics for Fusion**
- Osteobiologics—An evidence-based approach

**Technology Updates**
- Industry biologics smack down

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“This meeting is by far the best meeting allowing industry and surgeons to come together and discuss best solutions for our patients” —Hyun Bae, MD
**SESSION 6: Keynotes**
- How do we get rated? Should we care?
- Where is the FDA at with spinal implants and biologics in 2019
- How do we get innovative technologies approved?

**SESSION 7: Deformity**
- We’re sick of mathematical formulae. What matters for achieving alignment?
- Predictive modeling and lumbar degenerative pathology and spinal deformity

Debate: Complex Spinal Deformity: Are we Going Backwards or Sideways?
- PSO is tried and true
- ACR is the low morbidity answer

Debate: ALIF Approaches: Why Mess with What Works?
- ALIF supine is safe, simple, and effective
- ALIF lateral combines advantages of lateral and anterior surgery

4:00 Adjourn

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

**SESSION 8: Novel Trends in Long Construct Adult Deformity Surgery**
- Pelvic fixation: Open and MIS
- Effect of long-construct fusions on the SI Joint
- Biomechanical effect of long-construct fusion on the SI Joint
- Why I fuse the SI joint in my adult deformity patients
- Single center study: Rates of SI joint pain in adult deformity patients
- The technique for the Bedrock Approach

**SESSION 9: Updates on Osteoporosis and Disc Regen.**
- Osteoporosis and Spine Surgery
  - Update on medical approaches
  - Osteoporosis and complex spinal deformity surgery
- Regeneration Technologies; Disc Healing
  - Basic science of disc degeneration and regeneration
  - Current clinical efforts to regenerate discs

**SESSION 10: Panel: Emerging Trends in the Economics of Spine Care**

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**Session 11: My Worst Case Ever**

**Surgeon Responsibility**
- Self-policing our profession. How to handle unprofessional surgical practice by colleagues
- Overlapping surgeries: What is legal; what is ethical?
- Future of spine surgery training. Do we need a spine residency?
- Disclosing conflicts of interest in patient care. Never too much?

**Debate: Wall Street Loves Robots. But, What Do They Know?**
- Robots improve efficiency and reduce complications
- Robots are expensive image guidance that drive company valuations

12:15 PM General Session Adjourns
12:20 Company Workshops
1:05 Adjourn

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Program schedule, content, and faculty subject to change.
SATURDAY, JUNE 29

7:00 AM  Registration, breakfast & exhibits
7:30  Welcome

SESSION 12

Leadership Forum
- Challenges in leadership from differing perspectives
- Intro leadership lessons—Entering an established culture as the leader
- Leading in a transitional growth time
- How to be mentored and make yourself useful to leaders in a large institution

Patient Safety
- Patient safety: The currency of medicine
- How do we make decisions when faced with uncertainty?
- Moral hazard in spine surgery; what happens when risk and benefit are dissociated
- How do I best communicate my stance on opiates with my patients? What obligations do I have as an advocate for my patients to prescribe opiates?

Expert Techniques: 5 Key Points Focused on Technique Not Outcomes
- MIS cervical foraminotomy
- MIS TLIF and restoring lordosis
- Cervical TDR
- Single-position lateral surgery

SESSION 13: Rapid Fire Abstracts

11:55  Adjourn
12:00 PM  Company Workshops
12:45  Young Surgeons Session Forum
3:00  Adjourn
**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Book by May 30th to receive the discounted rates!

- **Room rates***:
  - Coastal View: $339*
  - Ocean View: $399*
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  - Executive Suite: $699*

To book your room, you may contact The Ritz-Carlton directly or book online. Rooms at the discounted rates may not be available after May 30th.

To book by phone, please contact the Reservations Department at 1-800-241-3333 and mention the group name “State of Spine Surgery Meeting” for special room discount rates.

*plus applicable taxes

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- Contemporary accommodations, each offering private balconies
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- Two swimming pools
- Luxury spa facilities and a state-of-the-art fitness center
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Registration fee includes all scientific sessions, meeting materials, and related social events.

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A full refund will be provided, less a $150 administrative fee, dependent upon written notice being received by May 30, 2019. Refunds will not be made after this date. Substitutions are allowed at any time but must be submitted in writing.

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Attendance
The course chairmen reserve the right to refuse admission to anyone whose presence is considered to be incompatible with course objectives.

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In the unlikely event of insufficient enrollment, we reserve the right to cancel the course 21 days prior. Registrants will be notified and registration fees will be refunded. Airline and other costs incurred by the registrant are the responsibility of the registrant and will not be refunded.

“One of my favorite meetings due to its small size facilitating camaraderie in a beautiful, relaxed setting”
—Richard Guyer, MD
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