



**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Korean American Spine Society**  
**July 10-12, 2025**

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**THURSDAY, JULY 10**

**1:30 pm Registration and Meet & Greet**

**Session 1: Debates – What’s the Best Fusion Approach? [CME]**

**Mods:** *Don Park, Bryan Lee*

2:00	Welcome	
2:02	History and Evolution of Spine Fusion Techniques	<i>John Chi</i>
2:10	Management of Multi-level Cervical Disease: Anterior vs. Posterior	<i>Kee Kim, Jon Yoon</i>
2:20	Optimal Approach for OPLL Management: Posterior Fusion (Steve) vs. Laminoplasty (Jho)	<i>TBD, Steve Ryu</i>
2:30	Surgical Management of Thoracic Disc: Lateral vs. Posterior	<i>Esther Kim, Dan Kang</i>
2:40	Prone Lateral vs. True Lateral for Lumbar Fusion	<i>Luis Pimenta, Ray Hah</i>
2:50	Discussion	
3:00	Indications for Open Approach for Fusion: Is the Open Technique Becoming Obsolete?	<i>Dan Coughlin</i>
3:08	Fusion Indications in Patients with Other Joint Conditions	<i>Thomas Hong</i>
3:16	Anterior Lumbar Access from the Access Surgeon’s Perspective	<i>Donald Baril</i>
3:22	Discussion	

**Session 2: Business / Practice of Medicine [CME]**

**Mods:** *Esther Kim, Brian Kwon (Boston)*

3:34	Practice Building 101: How to Hit the Ground Running in a Competitive Environment	<i>Andrew Chung</i>
3:42	Top 10 Financial Mistakes Made by Spine Surgeons and How to Prevent Them	<i>Ian Rose</i>
3:50	Maintaining Financial Fitness with Ancillary and ASC Opportunities	<i>Kevin Yoo</i>
3:58	Playing the Game to Get Paid – Update on Coding / Billing	<i>Woosik Chung</i>
4:06	Should I Get Involved with Industry as an Early Career Spine Surgeon?	<i>Aaron Clark</i>
4:14	The Value of Remaining Academic in a Non-academic Setting and How to Do It	<i>Andrew Chung</i>
4:22	Discussion	
<b>4:30</b>	<b>Refreshment Break and Meet &amp; Greet</b>	



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**Session 3: Abstracts [CME]**

**Mods:** *James Mok, Jon Yoon*

5:00 Abstract Presentations & Discussion

6:00 **Adjourn**

6:00 **Welcome Reception**

7:00 **Early Career Surgeon Dinner**

**FRIDAY, JULY 11**

**7:00 am Breakfast with Meet & Greet**

**Session 4: Complications and Complex Cases [CME]**

**Mods:** *Rex Marco, Howard An*

7:30 Welcome

7:32 Treatment of Cervicogenic Headache in Cervical Spine Surgery *Kee Kim*

7:40 My Worst Complications *Bryan Lee*

7:48 How to Avoid Complications in Complex Deformity Based on Patient-specific Risk Factors *Aaron Clark*

7:56 Discussion

8:06 Management of Complications in Spinal Trauma *Dan Coughlin*

8:14 The Latest on Spinal Cord Injury

8:22 Discussion

**Session 5: Motion Preservation and Awake Spine Surgery [CME]**

**Mods:** *Dan Kim, Sean Keem*

8:32 What Are the Indications for Hybrid Constructs in the Cervical Spine? *Tom Cha*

8:40 How Long Does Arthroplasty Last? How to Counsel Patients on the Longevity of Arthroplasty Devices and What to do when Arthroplasty Fails *Steve Ryu*

8:48 Cervical Arthroplasty Options. Does Implant Choice Matter and How Do You Select the Right One? *Hyun Bae*

8:54 Discussion

9:04 Debate | Single Level Radiculopathy from Degenerative Cervical Spondylosis: What's the Superior Technique – ACDF, ADR, or PCF? (5 Minutes Each) *Ki Chang  
Andrew Lee  
Andrew Ryu*

9:19 Awake TLIF: Who, When, How? *Ernest Braxton*

9:29 Discussion

**9:40 Refreshment Break with Meet & Greet**



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**Session 6: Spine Surgery in Korea [Non-CME]**

**Mods:** *Keung Nyun Kim & Ki Chang*

10:10	KSNS: Driving Innovation and Collaboration in Spine Surgery	<i>Seung Hwan Yoon</i>
10:15	KSSS: Facing Challenges of Yesterday and Tomorrow	<i>Jae Jun Yang</i>
10:20	Safe Corpectomy and Anterior Multi-level Reconstruction Method for C-OPLL	<i>Soo Bin Im</i>
10:30	Anterior Decompression of Cervical Myelopathy	<i>Dong-Ho Lee</i>
10:40	AP Combined Surgery in Cervical OPLL	<i>Kyung Soo Suk</i>
10:50	Cutting-edge Robotic Technology in Spine Surgery: From C1 to Pelvis	<i>Seong Yi</i>
11:00	Discussion	

**Session 7: Material Technology and Biologics [Non-CME]**

**Mods:** *Tim Yoon, Raymond Hah*

11:08	Industry Talk #1: Platinum	
11:16	Industry Talk #2: Gold	
11:22	Rod Material Selection: Does it Matter, and When Does it Matter?	<i>James Mok</i>
11:30	Interbody Selection: Safety, Effectiveness, and Cost	<i>Andrew Mo</i>
11:38	Are There Any New Biologics that are Actually Effective?	<i>Howard Park</i>
11:46	Discussion	
11:56	Industry Talk #3: Gold	
12:02	Industry Talk #4: Gold	
12:08	Industry Talk #5: Gold	

**Session 8: Honored Speakers [Non-CME]**

**Mod:** *Don Park*

12:16	Founding Members Panel: The Origins of KASS and the Journey	
12:36	Presidential Address	<i>Don Park</i>
12:46	Closing Comments and Adjourn	

*Afternoon* **Optional Group Activities**

**6:30 Annual Dinner**

*We look forward to welcoming Chan Ho Park, the first Korean-born pitcher in Major League Baseball, as our Kass Annual Dinner Speaker.*



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**SATURDAY, JULY 12**

**7:30 am Breakfast with Meet & Greet**

**Session 9: Endoscopy [CME]**

**Mods:** *Choll Kim, Andrew Chung*

- 8:00 Interlaminar Disease (Disc Herniation / Stenosis), Uniportal vs. Biportal?  
*Meng Huang, Daniel Park*
- 8:16 Discussion: Extraforaminal Disease (Disc Herniation / Stenosis), Uniportal vs. Biportal?  
*Patrick Kim, Cheol Wung Park*
- 8:32 Discussion
- 8:45 Safely Making the Transition from Endoscopic Decompressions to Fusions *Jon Yoon*
- 8:55 Complex Durotomies and Complication Management in Endoscopy *Don Park*
- 9:05 My Endoscopic Training Experience in Korea as an American Trainee *Steve Cho*
- 9:15 Discussion
- 9:24 Advanced Techniques and Indications in Endoscopic Surgery in Korea *Ji Yeon Kim*
- 9:32 How Did Endoscopic Spine Surgery Thrive in Korea? *Cheol Wung Park*
- 9:40 Panel Discussion: Differences in Healthcare in Spine Surgery in USA vs. Korea  
*Mods: Choll Kim & Don Park*  
*Ji Yeon Kim, Cheol Wung Park, Daniel Park, Jon Yoon*

**10:00 Refreshment Break with Meet & Greet**

**Session 10: Emerging Technology and Future of Spine Surgery [Non-CME]**

**Mods:** *Jeff Roh*

- 10:30 Industry Talk #6: Gold
- 10:36 Industry Talk #7: Gold
- 10:42 History of Navigation Systems and Image-guidance in Spine Surgery *Sam Cho*
- 10:50 Current and Future Applications in Robotic-assisted Spine Surgery *Dan Kim*
- 10:58 Surgeon Ergonomics – What Can I Do to Stay in the Game as Long as Possible? *Phil Louie*
- 11:06 Discussion
- 11:16 Industry Talk #8: Gold
- 11:22 Industry Talk #9: Gold
- 11:28 Industry Talk #10: Gold



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- 11:34     Stem Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine *Jae Park*
- 11:42     AI and Machine Learning in Clinical and Surgical Spine *Ghaith Habboub*
- 11:50     Discussion: Future of Spine Surgery – What Does Spine Surgery Look Like in 2050?  
*Mods: Dan Riew & Phil Louie*  
*Panel: Don Park, Tim Yoon, Sean Keem, Jeff Roh, Brian Kwon (Boston)*
- 12:10     Closing Remarks and Adjourn**