



## Winter Meeting 2026 January 10<sup>th</sup>, Wellsworth Hotel, Southbridge, MA

Spine care specialists from around New England meet  
for a 1/2 day of lectures, discussion and networking!

### NESSG Objectives Include

- Presenting current research and data that are relevant to the advancement of spine care.
- Promoting discussion of new scientific developments best practices patterns for spinal care in the New England region.
- Fostering research and training in and through interactive discussions, didactic sessions and instructional courses.

### Speakers

#### Dr. Lawrence I. Karlin

Dr. Karlin is a senior orthopedic surgeon at Boston Children's, the orthopedic consultant at the Center for Spina Bifida, and an Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School. He specializes in spinal deformities and the orthopedic conditions associated with spina bifida. He has held leadership roles in the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) and has been a national and international visiting professor.

He will present on the topic of:

*Surgical Correction of Spinal Deformities in Children with Myelomeningocele: Customized Constructs*

#### Objectives:

Improve one's ability to assess the unique anatomic peculiarities of spinal deformities in children with myelomeningocele and provide ideal personalized surgical constructs for the correction.

#### Dr. Charles Mick

Dr. Mick is an orthopedic surgeon with extensive experience in orthopedics, arthritis, spine disorders and surgical procedures, currently working with TurningPoint Healthcare Solutions in Utilization and Quality Management. Formerly with Pioneer Spine & Sports in Northampton, Massachusetts and a previous President of the North American Spine Society (NASS).

He will present on the topic of:

*Traditional and New Options for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis with Spondylolisthesis*

#### Objectives:

Review traditional approaches to care for lumbar spinal stenosis with spondylolisthesis.  
Understand new options available prior to laminectomy and fusion.  
Discuss benefits, risks and cost implications.

As well, member cases will be presented and discussed.

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