



26th Annual Thomas Jefferson University Spine Fellows Alumni Symposium

July 17-18, 2026 | Newport, Rhode Island

Agenda Subject to Change

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

7:00AM – 7:40AM	<i>Registration, Continental Breakfast & Exhibits</i>	
7:40AM – 7:50AM	Welcome and Introductions	Alexander R. Vaccaro, MD, PhD, MBA
Moderator: Alexander R. Vaccaro, MD, PhD, MBA		
7:50AM – 8:10AM	Osteoimmunology for Spine Surgeons	Thomas Cha, MD
8:10AM – 8:30AM	AI in Spine and Healthcare	Ed DelSole, MD
8:30AM – 8:50AM	Spine Coding Update 2025	John Beiner, MD
8:50AM – 9:10AM	Oral Board Case Review	Alan Hilibrand, MD
9:10AM – 10:10AM	Case Presentations <i>Panelists:</i> Eli Baron, Ameen Barghi, Joseph Butler, Alexander Ching, Jonathan Dalton, Vincent Frederico, DJ Fredericks, Erik Olsson	
10:10AM - 10:25AM	<i>Break with Refreshments & Exhibits</i>	
10:25AM - 10:40AM	My Experience Treating Pediatric Scoliosis Overseas: Taking the Show on the Road	Glenn Russo, MD
10:40AM - 11:00AM	Infection Following Cervical Arthroplasty	Eli Baron, MD
11:00AM - 11:20AM	Evaluating and Managing Sagittal Alignment in Adult Thoracolumbar Deformity	Josh Heller, MD
11:20AM - 11:40AM	New Technology in Spine Surgery: Hype or Practice Changing?	John Mangan, MD
11:40AM – 12:40PM	<i>Break with Lunch & Exhibits</i>	
12:40PM - 1:00PM	Thoracic Disc Herniation	Bryce Basques, MD
1:00PM - 2:00PM	Case Presentations <i>Panelists:</i> Jonathon Grauer, Chambliss Harrod, David Kaye, Johathan Krystal, Patrick Morrissey, Mark Moulton, Troy Mounts, Mark Kurd	
2:00PM	<i>Meeting Adjourns</i>	
6:00PM – 9:00PM	<i>Evening Group Dinner</i>	

* PA Patient Safety & Risk Management





SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

7:00AM – 7:45AM	<i>Registration, Continental Breakfast & Exhibits</i>	
7:45AM – 8:00AM	Welcome and Introductions	Alexander R. Vaccaro, MD, PhD, MBA
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8:00AM - 8:30AM	Guest Lecturer	Eric Klineberg, MD
8:30AM - 8:50AM	Pelvic Fixation in Spine Surgery: Indications, Techniques, Outcomes, and When to Include SI Fusion	Michael Schallmo, MD
8:50AM - 9:05AM	Robotic Spine Surgery: Current Advantages/Disadvantages and Technology Update	Jonathan Dalton, MD
9:05AM - 9:20AM	Update on Biologics and Bone Growth in Spine Surgery	Brian Karamian, MD
9:20AM - 9:35AM	Considerations in the Management of Lumbar Discitis: Operative Approach, Bone Graft, Interbody Cage Options	Vince Frederico, MD
9:35AM - 9:50AM	Private Equity in Orthopaedics	Zach Pinter, MD
9:50AM - 10:10AM	<i>Break & Exhibits</i>	
10:10AM - 11:05AM	Case Presentations <i>Panelists:</i> Richard Nachwalter, Raj Narayanan, Michael Nolte, Chukwuka Okafor, Kornelis Poelstra, Jeffrey Rihn, William Robinson, Jeff Silber, Mitchell Ng	
11:05AM - 11:20AM	Hybrid Laminoplasty	Zachary Wilt, MD
11:20AM - 11:35AM	Proximal Junctional Kyphosis Prophylaxis	Alan Daniels, MD
11:35AM - 12:30PM	Case Presentations <i>Panelists:</i> Hesham Saleh, Andre Samuel, Michael Schallmo, Jed Vanichkachorn, Michael Vives, Scott Wagner, Robert Heary	
12:30PM	<i>Meeting Adjourns</i>	

