

ASIA PACIFIC SPINE SOCIETY *Limited*
2026 APSS KOREA CADAVER HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

November 20, 2026 | Seoul, South Korea
Catholic Institute for Applied Anatomy
(International Bioskills Education Center)
The Catholic University of Korea

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

MEETING OVERVIEW

Meeting Description

The 2026 APSS Korea Cadaver Hands-On Workshop is a one-day intensive educational course designed to provide participants with practical training in essential cervical and lumbar spine surgical techniques. The course combines focused lectures with cadaveric hands-on training under the guidance of experienced international and Korean spine faculty.

The workshop consists of four major hands-on modules: Anterior Approach to the Cervical Spine (ACDF, ACCF), Posterior Approach to the Cervical Spine (PCF, Laminoplasty), Anterior/Lateral Thoracolumbar Approach (OLIF25, OLIF51), and Posterior Approach to the Thoracolumbar Spine (Freehand Instrumentation, Osteotomy).

Registration is limited to 24 participants, with four participants assigned to each of six cadaver tables. A total of 15 faculty members will provide close supervision and hands-on instruction throughout the course. This high faculty-to-participant ratio is designed to maximize direct interaction, individualized guidance, and hands-on learning opportunities.

Learning Outcomes/Objectives

As a result of participating in this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify relevant surgical anatomy and key technical principles for anterior and posterior approaches to the cervical and thoracolumbar spine.
- Perform anterior cervical decompression and reconstruction techniques, including ACDF and ACCF.
- Apply posterior cervical instrumentation and decompression techniques, including posterior cervical fixation and laminoplasty.
- Demonstrate appropriate surgical techniques for anterior and lateral lumbar interbody
  fusion, including OLIF25 and OLIF51.
- Perform posterior thoracolumbar instrumentation using freehand techniques and apply fundamental principles of spinal osteotomy.
- Recognize critical technical steps, potential complications, and strategies to improve safety in cervical and thoracolumbar spine surgery.



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COURSE CHAIR

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Group	Hands-on I (09:30-11:00)	Hands-on II (11:20-12:50)	Hand-on III (13:40-15:10)	Hands-on IV (15:30-17:00)
Group 1	**Station 1** Cervical Anterior Prof. Yat Wa Wong / Prof. Jae Cheul Lee	**Station 4** Cervical Posterior Prof. Gabriel Liu / Prof. Jung-Hee Lee	**Station 1** Lumbar Anterior Prof. Jae Chul Lee	**Station 4** Lumbar Posterior Prof. Jung-Hee Lee / Prof. Chee Kidd Chiu
Group 2	**Station 2** Cervical Anterior Prof. Ajoy Shetty / Prof. Sam Yeol Chang	**Station 5** Cervical Posterior Prof. Yong Hai / Prof. Young-Hoon Kim	**Station 2** Lumbar Anterior Prof. Sam Yeol Chang	**Station 5** Lumbar Posterior Prof. Young-Hoon Kim / Prof. Kenny Kwan
Group 3	**Station 3** Cervical Anterior Prof. Kenny Kwan / Prof. Sang-Il Kim	**Station 6** Cervical Posterior Prof. Chee Kidd Chiu / Prof. Kwang-Sup Song	**Station 3** Lumbar Anterior Prof. Sang-Il Kim	**Station 6** Lumbar Posterior Prof. Kwang-Sup Song / Prof. Yong Hai
Group 4	**Station 4** Cervical Posterior Prof. Gabriel Liu / Prof. Jung-Hee Lee	**Station 1** Cervical Anterior Prof. Yat Wa Wong / Prof. Jae Chul Lee	**Station 4** Lumbar Posterior Prof. Jung-Hee Lee / Prof. Gabriel Liu	**Station 1** Lumbar Anterior Prof. Jae Chul Lee
Group 5	**Station 5** Cervical Posterior Prof. Yong Hai / Prof. Young-Hoon Kim	**Station 2** Cervical Anterior Prof. Ajoy Shetty / Prof. Sam Yeol Chang	**Station 5** Lumbar Posterior Prof. Young-Hoon Kim / Prof. Yat Wa Wong	**Station 2** Lumbar Anterior Prof. Sam Yeol Chang
Group 6	**Station 6** Cervical Posterior Prof. Chee Kidd Chiu / Prof. Kwang-Sup Song	**Station 3** Cervical Anterior Prof. Kenny Kwan / Prof. Sang-Il Kim	**Station 6** Lumbar Posterior Prof. Kwang-Sup Song / Prof. Ajoy Shetty	**Station 3** Lumbar Anterior Prof. Sang-Il Kim



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LOCATION INFORMATION | Catholic Institute for Applied Anatomy

Friday, November 20, 2026 | Lectures and Cadaveric Hands-On Sessions

Catholic Institute for Applied Anatomy
(International Bioskills Education Center)
The Catholic University of Korea
222 Banpo-daero, Seocho-gu, Seoul 06591, Korea

MEETING ROOMS

FUNCTION	LOCATION
Registration	2nd Floor
Lecture Sessions	Lecture Room, 2nd Floor
Group Photo	4th Floor
Cadaveric Hands-On Sessions	Cadaver Laboratory, 4th Floor
Refreshment Breaks	2nd Floor
Lunch	To be confirmed

Course Format

– Morning: Focused lectures followed by cervical cadaveric hands-on rotations
– Afternoon: Lumbar cadaveric hands-on rotations
– Four hands-on modules: Cervical Anterior, Cervical Posterior, Lumbar Anterior, and Lumbar Posterior



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PROGRAMME

Time	Topic	Speaker
07:20 – 07:50	Registration	
07:50 – 08:00	Welcome Remarks	Prof. Dong-Gune Chang
08:00 – 08:05	Introduction of APSS	Prof. Yat Wa Wong
08:05 – 08:10	Introduction of APSS Cadaver Workshop	Prof. Kenny Kwan
08:10 – 09:10	**Lectures for Cadaver Workshop**	**Moderators: Prof. Kee-Yong Ha / Jin-Hyok Kim**
08:10 – 08:25	Anterior Approach to Cervical - Surgical Technique and Clinical Application	Prof. Gabriel Liu
08:25 – 08:40	Posterior Cervical Fixation - Surgical Technique and Clinical Application	Prof. Yong Hai
08:40 – 08:55	Lateral Lumbar Interbody Fusion L25/L51 - Surgical Technique and Clinical Application	Prof. Jae Chul Lee
08:55 – 09:10	TL Fixation (Free Hand / Osteotomy) - Surgical Technique and Clinical Application	Prof. Ajoy Shetty
09:10 – 09:25	Group Photo & Proceed to Lab	
Session I | Cervical (Cadaveric Hands-on)		
09:25 – 09:30	Moment of silence to honor the donors	
09:30 – 11:00	Group 1&2&3: Anterior Approach to Cervical (ACDF, ACCF) Group 4&5&6: Posterior approach to cervical spine (PCF, Laminoplasty)	All Faculty
11:00 – 11:20	Break	
11:20 – 12:50	Group 1&2&3: Posterior approach to cervical spine (PCF, Laminoplasty) Group 4&5&6: Anterior Approach to Cervical (ACDF, ACCF)	All Faculty
12:50 – 13:40	Lunch	
Session II | Lumbar (Cadaveric Hands-on)		
13:40 – 15:10	Group 1&2&3: Anterior / Lateral Thoracolumbar approach: OLIF25 OLIF51 Group 4&5&6: Posterior approach to TL spine (Free hand / Osteotomy)	All Faculty
15:10 – 15:30	Break	
15:30 – 17:00	Group 1&2&3: Posterior approach to TL spine (Free hand / Osteotomy) Group 4&5&6: Anterior / Lateral Thoracolumbar approach: OLIF25 OLIF51	All Faculty
Case Discussion and Wrap-up		
17:00 – 17:10	Case Discussion	Prof. Chee Kidd Chiu
17:10 – 17:30	Closing Remarks & Certificate Presentation	Prof. Dong-Gune Chang