



SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
27TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

New Technologies • MELBOURNE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE • 8-10 APRIL 2016

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

All sessions will be held in Rooms 203 / 204 unless otherwise specified | See floorplan at right | Detailed program begins pg 14

Friday 8 April 2016

7.00am Registration Desk opens

7.15 - DePuy Synthes Breakfast  
8.15am Session 1  
Implant-based correction:  
Early Australian experience

Saturday 9 April 2016

7.00am Registration Desk opens

7.15 - NuVasive Breakfast  
8.15am Session 2  
Why alignment matters

Sunday 10 April 2016

7.00am Registration Desk opens

7.15 - SIGNUS Australia Breakfast  
8.15am Session 3  
Improving osseointegration  
in the spinal surgery with  
intervertebral fusion implants

8.00am | ARRIVAL TEA & COFFEE

8.45am SSA Conference Opening  
9.00am FREE PAPER SESSION 1  
Cervical Spine  
Chair | Prof Brian Freeman

8.30 - FREE PAPER SESSION 4  
10.05am Tumour; New Technology  
Chair | Dr Gerald Quan

8.30 - FREE PAPER SESSION 6  
10.10am New Technology;  
Complications  
Chair | Dr Peter Wilde

10.00am | MORNING TEA

10.10am | MORNING TEA

10.30am **Society Session**  
Chair A/Prof Richard Williams  
Dr Roy Carey  
Dr Peter Wilde  
Dr Ian Harris

10.30am **President's Session**  
Chair Dr Peter Woodland  
The futility of surgery for  
burst fractures  
Dr David Jaffray

10.30am FREE PAPER SESSION 7  
Basic Science  
Chair | Dr Bill Sears

11.30am FREE PAPER SESSION 2  
Trauma  
Chair | A/Prof Susan Liew

11.10am FREE PAPER SESSION 5  
Deformity  
Chair | Mr Michael Johnson

12.00 - Award Presentations and  
12.30pm Conference close

12.30pm | LUNCH

1.30pm **Symposium 1**  
Chair Dr Peter Woodland  
Prof Robert Dunn  
Prof Bobby KW Ng  
DEBATE

1.30pm **Symposium 2**  
Chair Dr Rob Kuru  
Prof Robert Dunn  
Prof Bobby KW Ng

Friday and Saturday

Arrival tea and coffee, morning tea, lunch  
and afternoon tea will be served within the  
Industry Exhibition, Melbourne Room 1,  
Level 2

3.00pm | AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday

Arrival tea and coffee and morning tea,  
will be served in Foyer 2.3, Level 2

3.30 - FREE PAPER SESSION 3  
5.30pm Degenerative Lumbar  
Chair  
A/Prof Richard Williams

3.30pm **The Getting of Wisdom**  
Chair Dr Peter Woodland  
Dr Peter Turner  
Dr Kevin Seex  
Dr Paul Licina

4.30 - 6.00pm SSA Business Meeting

5.30 - 7.00pm  
Welcome Reception  
Melbourne Room 1, Level 2

7.00 - 11.00pm  
Conference Gala Dinner  
Rivers Edge Events