

The EUROSPINE diploma programme

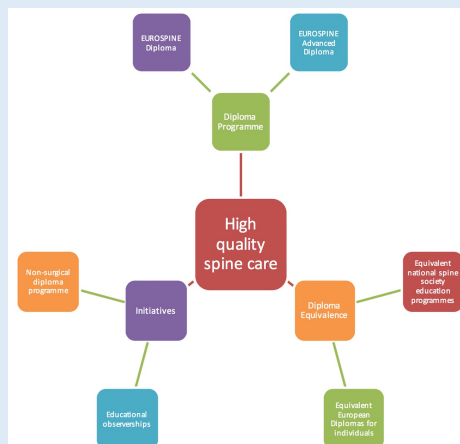
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Background

Education@EUROSPINE :

- Key driver towards improved quality patient care
- Transcends borders and language
- Meet accreditation standards



Results

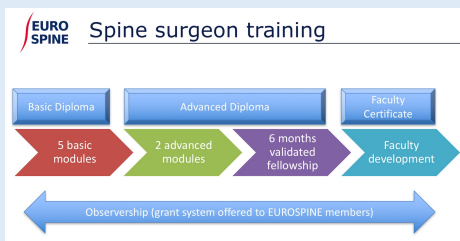
- For the EUROSPINE Diploma, 7 Education Weeks have been delivered in 2 locations.
- An average of 104 surgeons participate at each Education Week representing an average of 25 countries from all over the world.
- 240 EUROSPINE diplomas were awarded since 2012.
- This year, Advanced Courses were launched and delivered in January and October 2017 with a total of 125 participants.
- The Education Week is funded by the EUROSPINE with support from various industry partners (average of 7 companies).



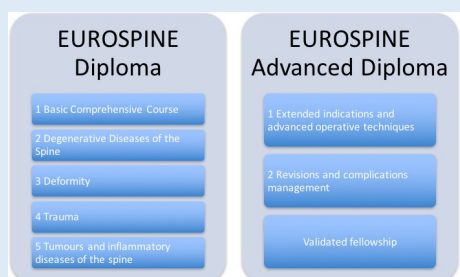
n	Education Weeks	Location	n mod	n pax	n countries represented	n diplomas given
1	26-30 March 2012	Lucerne, Switzerland	5	113	29	23
2	18-20 March 2013	Lucerne, Switzerland	5	121	26	40
3	7-14 April 2014	Strasbourg, France	5	118	22	43
4	26-30 October 2014	Strasbourg, France	5	95	22	34
5	25-29 October 2015	Strasbourg, France	5	99	25	51
6	13-17 June 2016	Strasbourg, France	5	78	30	26
7	19-23 June 2017	Strasbourg, France	5 + 1 optional module	101	23	23
TOTAL			30	725		240
AVERAGE				104	25	35

Summary of work

- The diploma programme has been running since 2012 focusing on spine surgeon training at various levels and points in their career.



- The 5+2 model consists of 5 modules for the EUROSPINE Diploma and 2 modules plus a validated fellowship for the EUROSPINE Advanced Diploma.
- These modules are delivered in an Education Week: 5 days of intensive learning with plenary sessions, round-table discussions, interactive case-based discussions, and hands on workshops with cadavers, synthetic bone models and simulators.



- Young surgeons complete 5 basic modules and achieve the EUROSPINE Diploma.
- Advanced surgeons or those with at least 2 years of practice can participate in 2 advanced modules. If they have done at least six months of validated fellowship or equivalent, they achieve the EUROSPINE Advanced Diploma.

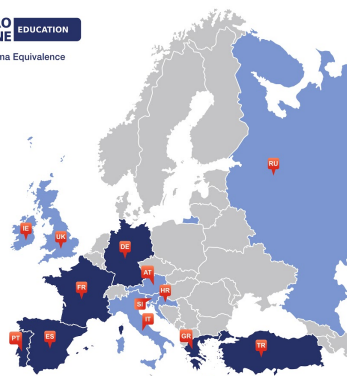
Diploma equivalence programme

To implement a consistent educational programme that could transcend borders and language, the diploma equivalence programme supports:

- 1) equivalent national spine society education programmes;
- 2) equivalent European Diplomas that can be awarded to individuals.

Basis

- National spine societies or other spine societies adapt the EUROSPINE Diploma with its learning outcomes.
 - There is an ongoing partnership with Germany, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Greece and France spine societies
- Faculty of national or other society programmes are EUROSPINE Diploma holders
- Other professional societies involved in spine care may adapt and deliver the EUROSPINE Diploma consistent with its learning outcomes.
 - Currently collaborating with the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies (EANS)
- Validated graduates of the national society diploma may obtain the EUROSPINE Diploma
 - To date, there are 86 equivalent diplomas awarded.
- EUROSPINE Diploma graduates may obtain the corresponding national society diploma



Take-home message

To achieve high quality patient care, EUROSPINE endeavours to:

- Deliver access to education at all levels and career points with the diploma programme
- Transcend borders and language with the diploma equivalence programme
- Meet accreditation standards by consistently delivering courses that are of high quality and of high educational impact