

New Guidelines

AOTrauma—Nomenclature of Educational Activities



“Everything is vague to a degree you do not realize till you have tried to make it precise.”

Bertrand Russell

The Philosophy of Logical Atomism

Basic Principles
Congress
Course
Symposium
Advanced
Principles
Seminar

Dear AOTrauma Community

The updated AOTrauma nomenclature brings new definitions of courses and seminars. It is intended to help our course participants understand more clearly the nature of each event, and to differentiate AOTrauma Education from industry-driven training.

The new nomenclature becomes effective immediately in all new course listings, course communications and course materials. Therefore we would like to ask all of you to start using the new naming structure immediately and to implement it in all of your upcoming activities.

Please find the new rules in this booklet. For any further questions and clarifications, the AOTrauma Education team is at your disposal.



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Naming of AOTrauma educational activities

AOTrauma + **activity type** + – + **event name**

- All activities start with “**AOTrauma**”
- Followed by description of activity type, eg, **Course, Seminar, ...**
- Followed by “–” em dash
- Followed by name of activity or specialty, eg, **Pediatric, Hand & Wrist...**

Example **AOTrauma Course—Osteotomies around the Knee**

“**Masters**” level activities will have a “**Masters**” (always plural) added before the activity type

Example **AOTrauma Masters Seminar—Wrist fractures**

Translation

AOTrauma Education, together with the regions and countries, is currently working on defining a consistent nomenclature for all languages. The final decisions will be taken on the regional, or country level. The solutions presented in this brochure apply only to the English-language educational activities.

General grammatical rules

- The main title of the course program is written in uppercase letters **A**
(first letter of nouns)
- The official AO language (including spelling) is American English
(eg, pediatric , not paediatric / orthopedic, not orthopaedic)

Regional or sub-regional identification

A subheading can be used for regional, or subregional, identification, if needed. Formulation of the subheading is left open to be decided on the regional or country level. **B**



AOTrauma subdivides all educational activities into four categories

AOTrauma Course

AOTrauma Seminar

AOTrauma Symposium

AOTrauma Congress

The term “workshop” will not be used anymore. This term is exclusively reserved for the product training activities of our industrial partners.

Course—NEW definition

An educational event which includes practical exercises

- Simulations
- Non-peer reviewed
- Outcomes driven (increased knowledge and improved performance)
- includes hospital-based courses

Seminar—NEW definition

An educational event without practical exercises

- No simulations
- Non-peer reviewed
- With or without in-kind support by DPS
- Outcomes driven (increased knowledge and improved performance)
- Includes hospital-based seminars

Symposium/Congress

A meeting for presenting and discussing topic-related information

- Includes peer-review process
- Outcomes driven (increased knowledge and improved performance)

AO Trauma Competency-Based Curricula—Events and naming



Standard event names have been defined for each curriculum. The names are reserved for specific types of courses fulfilling certain criteria.

Residents curriculum:

- AOTrauma Course—Basic Principles of Fracture Management
- AOTrauma Course—Advanced Principles of Fracture Management

Please note

The word “Principles” is reserved exclusively for these two course types. Please do not use this word in the title of any other educational activity.

Orthogeriatrics curriculum:

- AOTrauma Course—Fracture Care in Older Adults

Pediatrics curriculum:

- AOTrauma Course—Managing Pediatric Musculoskeletal Injuries
- AOTrauma Seminar—Managing Special Pediatric Trauma Conditions
- AOTrauma Seminar—Managing Pediatric Orthopedic Conditions

Foot & Ankle curriculum:

- AOTrauma Course—Foot and Ankle Trauma and Reconstruction
- AOTrauma Course—Foot and Ankle Trauma
- AOTrauma Course—Foot and Ankle Reconstruction

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