

Nomenclature of Educational Events

Naming

All events start with AOSpine

Followed by the “Level” of the event

Followed by the “Type” of event

Followed by “—” (em dash) (no space before or after)

Followed by the name of the event (usually based on pathology, or a specific spinal topic)

Examples of correctly titled events:

AOSpine Advanced Course—Pediatric Deformity

AOSpine Masters Seminar—Sagittal Balance

Exception:

IF the event follows the criteria stipulated in the ‘Standardised Principles Course’ the title should be simply: ‘AOSpine Principles Course’

Levels of events

Principles – aimed at surgeons with 0 to 3 years surgical experience

Advanced – aimed at surgeons with 3 to 10 years surgical experience

Masters – aimed at surgeons with 10 years surgical experience or more

Please note:

Principles and Masters are always plural (NOT Principle or Master). Advanced events should never be referred to as ‘Advances’.

New Type of event

Format	Definition	Criteria	Examples
Course	An educational event dealing with a subject that is driven by knowledge and performance outcomes; and promotes a change in practice due to learning	Includes simulations (practical exercises) of any kind Non-peer reviewed	Hospital Based Courses, Wet Lab
Seminars	An educational event for presenting and discussing topic related information; driven by knowledge and performance outcomes	Excludes practical exercises Non-peer reviewed	Case discussions, Faculty Development
Congress/Symposia	An educational event for presenting and discussing topic related information; driven by knowledge and performance outcomes	Excludes practical exercises Includes peer-reviewed processes	Congress delivered by AOSpine/event organised by AOSpine during a congress
Webinar/Webcast	Live online education	Synchronous delivery Non-peer reviewed	Webinars

Definition of "Peer-reviewed": the evaluation by fellow specialists of the value and merit of the topic and content of a specific event, for example abstracts being reviewed for a scientific congress.

Name of event

- Please refrain from having questions in the title.
- Please use grammatically correct English.
- Keep the name simple and as informative as possible to guide participants to the correct events.

Local Language

Events held in the local language may have the title of the event in the local language.

Live Tissue or Specimen Courses

These events should follow the above guidelines with two alterations. It should be clear that either specimen or live tissue lab work is offered at the event. Additionally please add the word "**Level**" to your title.

Examples of correctly titled events

AOSpine Masters Level Specimen Course—Tumors of the Spine
AOSpine Advanced Level Live Tissue Training—Spine Approaches and Complications Management