# Spinal Surgery from Decompression to Stabilisation

Dates: Tuesday 24 **and** Wednesday 25 March 2026

Fee: £1871 (25% discount applied)

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This two-day course covers key topics in spinal surgery through a blend of lectures and hands-on wet and dry lab practice, with practical training making up more than 50% of the program. The clinical presentation and diagnosis of thoracolumbar disc disease, lumbo-sacral stenosis and cervical disc disease will be reviewed. Case selection for surgery and surgical planning will be discussed prior to the practical sessions. Tailored supervision will be provided during the practical sessions and case discussion encouraged.

Topics covered:

- Thoracolumbar decompression: hemilaminectomy, mini-hemilaminectomy and corpectomy
- Lumbosacral dorsal laminectomy and stabilisation
- Cervical decompression: ventral slot decompression and cervical hemilaminectomy
- Atlanto-axial stabilisation
- Dry lab with 3D printed bone models and guides for vertebral stabilisation
- Dry lab with pedicle screw and rod system for vertebral stabilisation

Learning objectives:

- Be more confident in case selection for decompressive surgery of the cervical, thoracolumbar and lumbo-sacral spine
- Be more confident in case selection for vertebral stabilisation
- Improve your surgical planning in spinal surgery
- Practise common decompressive and stabilisation techniques
- Awareness of complications and their management in common spinal surgeries

This course has mainly been designed for clinicians keen to grow their experience in neurosurgical procedures as well as residents enrolled on a European College of Veterinary Neurology (ECVN) or ACVIM (Neurology) residency. The course may also be of interest to European College of Veterinary Surgery (ECVS) or American College of Veterinary Surgery (ACVS) surgical residents.

The course is very generously sponsored by Veterinary Instrumentation (VI) and B. Braun Medical Ltd. Delegates will have access to the B. Braun Aesculap Elan 4 - the next generation of electric power systems for neuro and spinal surgery. The dry lab with 3D printed models and guides is sponsored by Vet3D.

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