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We are excited to announce the second annual **Bridging the Gap** Conference presented by the San Diego Spine Foundation! Building on the success of last year's event, we will continue to focus on leadership, life skills and non-clinical aspects of a successful spine practice, with golf and a 5K run to enhance networking, provide some time for fun and raise funds to support outreach efforts by SDSF and Global Spine Outreach.

When? July 21-22, 2023

Where? Westin Carlsbad Resort, Carlsbad, CA

Tentative Schedule (see draft program outline for details)

- o **Friday, July 21:** 6:30-7:00 am Breakfast in Exhibit Hall; 7:00 am-12:30 pm Course Sessions; 9:30-10:00 am Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall; 1:00-6:20 pm Golf Tournament; 6:20-7:00 Aprés Golf networking
- o **Saturday, July 22:** 6:00-9:00 am BTG 1st Annual 5K; 8:00-9:30 am Breakfast in Exhibit Hall; 9:30 am-4:00 pm Course Sessions; Evening - Alumni Dinner (*Invitation Only*)

Chairs, Committee

- o *Emeritus Chairman:* Behrooz A. Akbarnia, M.D.
- o *Chairs:* Gregory M. Mundis Jr., M.D. and Michael P. Kelly, M.D.
- o *Director:* Robert K. Eastlack, M.D.

Keynote Speaker

- o Serena S. Hu, M.D.

Tentative Faculty

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| o Lindsay M. Andras, M.D. | o Elizabeth L. Lord, M.D. | o Joseph A. Osorio, M.D., Ph.D. |
| o Laurel C. Blakemore, M.D. | o Hani Malone, M.D. | o David L. Skaggs, M.D., M.M. |
| o Robert K. Eastlack, M.D. | o Gregory M. Mundis, Jr., M.D. | o Juan S. Uribe, M.D., F.A.A.N.S. |
| o Bill Hawkins | o Peter O. Newton, M.D. | o Chris Van Gorder |
| o Michael P. Kelly, M.D. | o Stephen L. Ondra, M.D. | o Ken Yamaguchi, M.D. |

OVERALL EVENT OBJECTIVES:

Following this course, attendees should:

- 1) Understand outside challenges to patient care, including cost factors and government oversight.
- 2) Address practice and leadership skills needed to be successful outside the operating room.
- 3) Recognize gaps in use of technology and discover ways to address those.
- 4) Offer opportunities for learning, networking and sharing ideas both in an educational and in a casual setting.

Thursday, July 20, 2023

2:00 - 6:00 pm **Exhibitor Set Up**
BTG Faculty Dinner (*Invitation Only*)

Friday, July 21, 2023

6:15 - 7:00 am **Breakfast in Exhibit Hall**
7:00 - 7:30 am *Bridging the Gap: Gender Inequality in Spine Surgery – Laurel Blakemore, M.D.*
7:30 - 8:00 am Panel Discussion
8:00 - 8:30 am *Bridging the Gap: Going from Surviving to Thriving as a Specialty – Ken Yamaguchi, M.D.*
8:30 - 9:00 am Panel Discussion
9:00 - 9:30 am INDUSTRY PRESENTATION
9:30 - 10:00 am **Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall**
10:00 - 10:30 am *Bridging the Gap: Understanding our Partners in the C-Suite – Chris Van Gorder, CEO Scripps Health*
10:30 - 11:00 am Panel Discussion
11:00 - 11:30 am *Keynote Session: Leadership in Spine Surgery – Serena Hu, M.D.*
11:30 - 12:00 pm Panel Discussion
12:00 - 12:30 pm INDUSTRY PRESENTATION
1:00 - 6:30 pm **2nd Annual Golf Tournament** @ The Crossings at Carlsbad (Reg @1:00 pm)
6:15 - 8:30 pm **Après Golf - Ocean Blue Lawn** @ The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa

Saturday, July 22, 2023

6:00 - 9:00 am **BTG 1st Annual 5K** @ The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa (Reg @6:00 am)
8:00 - 9:30 am **Breakfast in Exhibit Hall**
9:30 - 10:00 am *Bridging the Gap: Healthcare from the Federal Government Perspectives – Stephen Ondra, M.D.*
10:00 - 10:30 am Panel Discussion
10:30 - 11:00 am INDUSTRY PRESENTATION
11:00 - 11:30 am *Bridging the Gap: Technology in Spine Surgery – Michael Kelly, M.D.*
11:30 - 12:00 pm Panel Discussion
12:00 - 12:30 pm INDUSTRY PRESENTATION
12:30 - 1:30 pm **Lunch in Exhibit Hall**
1:30 - 2:00 pm *Bridging the Gap: Dealing with the Unspoken Among Spine Surgeons – Bill Hawkins, Professional Coach*
2:00 - 2:30 pm Panel Discussion
2:30 - 3:00 pm INDUSTRY PRESENTATION
3:00 - 3:30 pm *Bridging the Gap: From Sprinter to Endurance Athlete...the Metamorphosis of the Spine Surgeon – Gregory M. Mundis, Jr., M.D.*
3:30 - 4:00 pm Panel Discussion
4:00 - 5:00 pm Closing Remarks – Gregory M. Mundis, Jr., M.D.
6:30 - 9:00 pm **SDSF Alumni Reunion** (*Invitation Only*)