

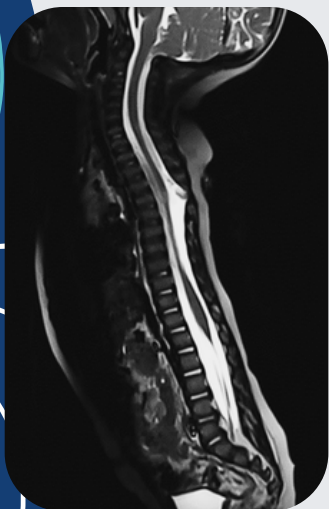


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*H.U.B Annual Symposium of Pediatric
Neurosurgery and Neuropediatric*

PEDIATRIC SPINAL DYSRAPHISM AND SPINAL DEFORMITIES

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MORNING SESSION

Spinal dysraphism

Chairs: **Cristina Bleil** (United Kingdom) - **Federico Di Rocco** (France)

08:00 – 08:30	Registration and welcome coffee
08:30 – 08:45	Olivier De Witte , Neurosurgery, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Welcome and overview
08:45 – 09:15	Federico Di Rocco , Neurosurgery, HCL (Lyon, France): Embryology and classification of spinal dysraphism
09:15 – 09:30	Anne Holoye , Gynaecology-Obstetrics, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Prenatal diagnosis and foetal imaging
09:30 – 09:45	Tom Balfroid , Neuropediatrics, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Clinical assessment – from birth to childhood
09:45 – 10:00	Dorottya Kelen , Neonatology, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): The newborn with myelomeningocele: initial management before surgery
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 10:45	Cristina Bleil , Neurosurgery, King's College (London, UK): MMC repair at birth
10:45 – 11:00	Philippe De Vloo , Neurosurgery, UZ Leuven (Leuven, Belgium): Foetal surgery for MMC
11:00 – 11:15	Stéphanie Du Four , Neurosurgery, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): MMC: lessons from MOMS

11:15 – 11:30

Federico Di Rocco, Neurosurgery, HCL (Lyon, France): Skin markers and occult spinal dysraphism: when should we investigate?

11:30 – 11:45

Cristina Bleil, Neurosurgery, King's College (London, UK): Management of closed spinal dysraphism and tethered cord syndrome

11:45 – 12:00

Costanza Lombardo, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Quality of life and adult transition

12:00 – 12:15

Anne Monier, Neuropediatrics, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium):
Keynote lecture: Long-term outcome and multidisciplinary follow-up – spina bifida clinic

12:15 – 13:15

Lunch break

AFTERNOON SESSION - PART I

Spinal deformities

Chair: **Alphonse Lubansu** (Belgium)

13:15 – 13:30

Jean-Paul Kaleeta, Pediatric Orthopedy, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Aetiology, classification of scoliosis and associated neuroaxis abnormalities (Chiari – Syringomyelia)

13:30 – 13:45

Alphonse Lubansu, Neurosurgery H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Surgical management of deformational scoliosis

13:45 – 14:00

Olivier Delahaut, Orthopedy, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Early-onset and congenital scoliosis

14:00 – 14:15

Jean-Paul Kaleeta, Pediatric Orthopedy, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Scoliosis in IMC children

14:15 – 14:30

Viviana Minichini, Neurosurgery, H.U.B: Keynote lecture: Scoliosis – Chiari and Syringomyelia: who goes first?

14:30 – 14:45

Coffee break

AFTERNOON SESSION - PART II

Cervico-vertebral junction (CVJ)

Chairs: **Gianluca Piatelli** (Italy) - **Olivier De Witte** (Belgium)

14:45 – 15:00

Robin Van der Straten, UZ Brussel (Brussels, Belgium): CVJ anatomy and biomechanics

15:00 – 15:15

Viviana Minichini, Neurosurgery, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): CVJ instability: aetiologies

15:15 – 15:30

Valeria Onofrj, Neuroradiology, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Criteria for CVJ instability at radiological examination

15:30 – 15:45

Gianluca Piatelli, Neurosurgery, Gaslini Children's Hospital (Genoa, Italy): C1–C2 posterior fixation

15:45 – 16:00

Federico Di Rocco, Neurosurgery, HCL (Lyon, France): Occipito-cervical decompression and posterior vault remodelling

16:00 – 16:15

Olivier De Witte, Neurosurgery, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium): Transoral decompression: principles and indications

16:15 – 16:30

Gianluca Piatelli, Neurosurgery, Gaslini Children's Hospital (Genoa, Italy): Keynote lecture: Short-and long-term risks of posterior instrumentation in children

16:30 – 16:45

Olivier De Witte, Neurosurgery, H.U.B (Brussels, Belgium) : Conclusions

16:45 – 17:30

Closure drink