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Conference fee:

**For Practice Administrators {Friday}**  
\$99

**For Allied Health Professionals {Saturday}**  
\$399  
\$50 discount for students

The conference fee is non refundable after  
January 16<sup>th</sup> , 2012

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**Connecticut Location (February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)**

DoubleTree by Hilton  
789 Connecticut Avenue  
Norwalk, Ct 06854  
(203) 853-3477

**New Jersey Location (March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

DoubleTree by Hilton  
200 Atrium Drive  
Somerset, NJ 08873  
(732) 469-2600



Nicola Hawkinson, DNP, RN, RNFA is the founder of SpineSearch, a company dedicated to the continuing educational needs of orthopedic and spine staff: both administrative and clinical. Nicola received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Delaware, Master of Arts, Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, from New York University and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH.

Dr. Hawkinson is a member of the North American Spine Society where she sits on the Allied Health Committee, Nurse Practitioners of New York and the National Association of Orthopedic Nurses.

During her clinical career working as a Nurse Practitioner she focused on the care of spine patients for 10 years. During that time she gained vast knowledge regarding spinal disorders, operative and non-operative treatment approaches, and cutting edge technology.

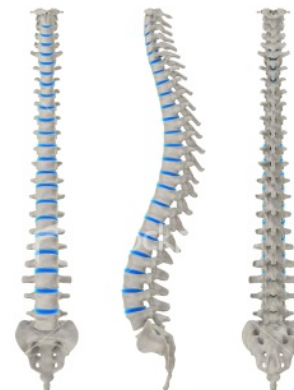
Nicola authored "Preparing for Your Recovery from Spinal Surgery", has published research on spinal deformity and presented at prestigious national congresses., and sits on the editorial board of Spine Universe.

## SPINE SPECIALTY DAY

An Introduction to Best Practice in  
The Surgical Treatment of Spinal  
Disorders

**Two Separate Days**  
Specially Designed for Administrators and  
Clinicians

Featured Speaker  
Nicola V. Hawkinson, DNP, RN



**For Practice Administrators**  
Friday February 3, 2012 Norwalk, Conn  
Friday March 2, 2012 Somerset, NJ  
5:00pm-9:00pm

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CE Credits

**For Allied Health Professionals**  
Saturday February 4, 2012 Norwalk, Conn  
Saturday March 3, 2012 Somerset, NJ  
7:30am-4:15pm

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**FOR PRACTICE**  
**ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL**  
**BILLERS, and FRONT DESK STAFF**

**Purpose:** To educate and empower spine staff with knowledge regarding spine anatomy, pathology, diagnoses and surgical treatment options.

**Description:** Using lecture and interactive group discussion, Spine Specialty Day is an authoritative educational program that educates spine professionals about common spine conditions. It will empower your career in healthcare, increase your knowledge base in this highly specialized field, harness your intuitive vision, and offer a career of uncompromising integrity.

**Program Schedule**

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Registration and Hor Dourves
<b>5:30 – 6:00</b>	Spine Terminology to Anatomy
<b>6:00 – 6:30</b>	Common Spine Conditions
<b>6:30 – 7:30</b>	Imaging and Authorization
<b>7:30 – 8:30</b>	Surgical Considerations
<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	Q & A, Closing Remarks

*This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the New York State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation*

**FOR ALLIED HEALTH**  
**PROFESSIONALS**

**Purpose:** To educate and empower Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants and other allied health professionals with knowledge regarding spine anatomy, pathology, diagnoses and surgical treatment options.

**Description:** Using lecture and hands on saw bones demonstration, Spine Specialty Day is an authoritative educational program that educates spine professionals about common spine conditions. It will empower your career in healthcare, increase your knowledge base in this highly specialized field, harness your intuitive vision, and offer a career of uncompromising integrity.

**Summary of Objectives:**

1. To educate and empower Registered Nurses, Surgical Technicians, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in the field of Spine
2. Discuss the history and evolution of the treatment of spinal disorders
3. Identify the five most common spinal disorders
4. Identify essential components of the history and physical exam for identifying spine disorders
5. Identify the five most common disorders on radiographic imaging: X-ray, MRI, CT
6. Identify non-operative treatment options for the five common spinal disorders discussed
7. Identify operative treatment options in the setting of spinal disorders, patient risks/benefits
8. Explain the role of communication and barriers of effective communication
11. Identify three outcomes for nursing intervention
12. Describe the future direction of the Nurse's/ allied health role in the care of spine patients

**Program Schedule**

<b>7:30 am</b>	Registration Continental Breakfast
<b>7:55</b>	Welcome and Introductions
<b>8:00-8:30</b>	Introduction to Spine Terminology
<b>8:30-9:30</b>	Overview of Spine anatomy, Pathology & Diagnosis
<b>9:30-9:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>9:45-10:45</b>	Physical Assessment of the Musculoskeletal and Neurological System
<b>10:45-12:15</b>	Herniated Disk, Degenerative Disk Disease, Stenosis, Spondylolisthesis and Vertebral Fracture
<b>12:15-1:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:15-2:15</b>	The Surgical Patient: Pre and Post Operative Considerations
<b>2:15-3:15</b>	Case Presentations
<b>3:15-4:15</b>	Non-Operative Treatment Approaches to Low Back Pain
<b>4:15</b>	Adjourn

*ANCC Contact Hours (7) for RN/NP  
This program has been designed to meet ANCC criteria for 7 contact hours (reflecting 60 minutes = 1 hour)*

