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Personal details

Full name: Robert Saftic
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Education and training

June 1996 - School of Medicine at the University of Zagreb

September 1998 – July 2004 - Neurological Surgery Residency: Division of Neurosurgery, University Hospital Osijek, Department of Neurosurgery, School of Medicine at the University of Zagreb.

September 2001 – December 2001 Visiting Fellowship – spine surgery- at Rudolfstiftung Hospital, Vienna, Austria

March 2006 - Weill-Cornell seminar „Spine Neurosurgery,, Roger Hartl MD, Salzburg

March - April 2007 visiting neurosurgeon Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Roger Hartl MD, New York – Minimal invasive spine surgery

January 2007 - International 28th Course for Percutaneous Endoscopic Spinal Surgery and complementary Minimal Invasive Techniques, Hansjörg F. Leu MD - Bethania Hospital Zurich – Switzerland

February 2008 – Spinal Microsurgery, Cadaver workshop, H. Michael Mayer MD, Munich, Germany

Education and training

May 2008 – Laser spine surgery at Department of Neurosurgery, Gian Paolo Tassi MD, Casa di Cura Villa Anna, San Benedetto del Tronto, and Casa di Cura Pierangeli, Pescara, Italy

November 2008 – Endoscopic spine surgery – Department of Spine Surgery and Pain Therapy, Center for Orthopaedics, Sebastian Ruetten MD, St. Anna-Hospital Herne, Germany

October 2009 – Minimal Access Spinal Technologies for the treatment of Thoracolumbar pathologies

May 2010 – Richard Wolf and Elliquence Hands-on cadaver workshops at 2nd World Congress of minimally-invasive spine surgery and techniques, Anthony Yeung MD, Las Vegas, USA

Certifications

2004. - Croatian Board of Neurological Surgery

2006. - Minimal invasive spinal surgery – METRx system

2007. - Endoscopic Spine Surgery

2008. - Laser Spine Surgery

Memberships

- EANS – European Association of Neurosurgical Societies
- WFNS – World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies
- SMISS – Society for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (USA)
- ISMISS – International Society for Minimal Intervention in Spinal Surgery
- IITS – International Intradiscal Therapy Society
- IMLAS – International Musculoskeletal Laser Society
- AAMISS – Asian Academy of Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery
- Spinoteka – Croatian Society for Spine Diseases

Congresses and meetings

2005. – WFNS, Marrakesh, Marocco

2005. – CNS, Zagreb, Croatia

2008. – WCMISST 1, Hawaii, USA

2009. – WFNS, Boston, USA

2009. – 27. ISMISS, Zurich, Switzerland

2009. – Maribor Spine Congress, Slovenia

2010. – WCMISST 2, Las Vegas, USA

2010. – EuroSpine congress, Austria

2010. – 29. ISMISS, Zurich, Switzerland

2010. – Maribor Spine kongres, Slovenia

2010. – IMLAS congress, Anatalya, Turkey

2011. – 4th ISMISS Congress, Anatalya, Turkey

Invited faculty

- First congress of minimally-invasive spinal surgery (WCMISST 1, Hawaii, USA)
- Second congress of minimally-invasive spinal surgery (WCMISST 2, Las Vegas, USA)
- Spine Day (Zagreb, Croatia)
- Third symposium Maribor Spine (Maribor, Slovenia)
- 29th course of percutaneous endoscopic spinal surgery and techniques (Zurich , Swiss)
- 4th ISMISS congress (Anatalya, Turkey)
- MINOD congress (Anatalya, Turkey)
- 5th ISMISS congress (Anatalya, Turkey) in 2012.
- International 30th Jubilee Course for Percutaneous Endoscopic Spinal Surgery and Complementary Minimal Invasive Techniques (Zurich , Swiss)

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1. Splavski B, Vranković Đ, Šarić G, Saftić R, Maksimović Z, Bajek G, Iveković V. Early surgery and other indicators influencing the outcome of war missile skull base injuries. *Surg Neurol* 1998; 50(3):194-199.
2. Saftić R, Splavski B, Ivić D, Takač I, Radanović B. The increased intracranial pressure as an important negative indicator of severe head injury outcome.. *J Neurotrauma* 2002; 19(10): 1348.
3. Splavski B, Saftić R, Takač I, Ivić D, Soldo-Butković S, Radabivić B. Cerebral perfusion pressure management as an important factor influencing the outcome of severe brain injury. *J Neurotrauma* 2002; 19(10): 1349.
4. Splavski B, Rukovanjski M, Sušak R, Saftić R. Posttraumatic epilepsy complicating war missile penetrating head wound. In: Abstract Book, 11th European Congress of Neurosurgery,

Publications:

- September 19-24, 1999, Copenhagen, Denmark, p 143.
5. Splavski B, Saftić R, Rukovanjski M, Sušak R. The value of anticonvulsants in the treatment of war post-traumatic epilepsy. In: Book of Abstracts, 2nd Croatian Congress of Neurosurgery, October 21-23, 1999, Opatija, Croatia, p 24.
 6. Rukovanjski M, Muršić B, Reljac G, Blagus G, Vranković Đ, Hećimović I, Splavski B, Saftić R. Operacijsko liječenje hidrocefalusa. *Med Vjesn* 1999; 31:203-207.
 7. Splavski B, Saftić R, Rukovanjski M, Reljac G. Risk factors influencing posttraumatic epilepsy after war missile penetrating brain trauma. In: Book of Abstracts, 12th World Congress of Neurosurgery, September 16-20, 2001, Sydney, Australia, p 397.
 8. Splavski B, Saftić R, Takač I, Ivić D. ICP monitoring as indicator of severe brain injury outcome. In: Abstract Book, 3rd Congress of the Croatian Neurosurgical Society, June 6-8, 2002, Zagreb, Croatia, p 100.
 9. Saftić R, Splavski B, Jančuljak D. Development of traumatic caval septal hematoma. In: Abstract Book, 3rd Congress of the Croatian Neurosurgical Society, June 6-8, 2002, Zagreb, Croatia, p 126.
 10. Saftić R, Splavski B, Saftić V. Clinical evaluation of the guidelines recommendations for treating patients with severe head injury
 11. Splavski B, Saftić R, Takač I, Soldo-Butković S, Has B. Most important predictors of outcome following severe traumatic spine injury. In: Abstracts, 12th European Congress of Neurosurgery, September 7-12, 2003, Lisboa, Portugal, p 246.
 12. Splavski B, Saftić R, Ivić D, Radanović B, Jančuljak D. Main prognostic criteria in the management of severe brain injury. In: Abstracts, Posttraumatic brain contusions and lacerations: an international focus meeting, September 19-20, 2003,

Publications:

- Rimini, Italy, p 28.
13. Saftić R, Splavski B, Saftić V.
Reducing mortality and improving quality of life on patients with severe brain and spine trauma by applying Guideline's recommendations at 13th World Congress of Neurological Surgery – invited lecture
 14. Saftic R, Grgic M, Ebling B, Splavski B. Risk factors leading to surgery of lower spine in Croatian island isolates. *Croat. Med J.* 2006;47:593-600.
 15. Saftic R, Epidural interlaminar or intraforaminal infiltration of steroids for the treatment of symptomatic lumbar herniated discs, First World Congress of Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery & Techniques May 25 - June 2, 2008. Hawaii, USA
 16. Rotim K, Saftić R Kirurške mogućnosti liječenja hernije i. v. diska u vratnoj regiji, simpozij Vratobolja: od uzroka do rehabilitacije, Hrvatsko vertebrološko društvo, 2008.
 17. Rotim K, Saftić R, Lakičević G: Percutaneous laser disk decompression – our experience with the usage of the diode laser
 18. Rotim K, Saftić R, Kovač D: Tumori u području torakalne kralješnice, Simpozij - Torakalna kralješnica, Hrvatsko vertebrološko društvo, 2009.
 19. A STUDY PROTOCOL FOR THE HBO TREATMENT IN SEVERE HEAD INJURY PATIENT (Jasenka Candrlic, Ines Takac, Robert Saftic, Kresimir Candrlic, Slavic European Journal of Underwater and Hyperbaric Medicine)
 20. Vukić, Miroslav; Walters, C. Beverly; Jednačak, Hrvoje; Saftić, Robert; Paladino, Josip. Multilevel anterior cervical interbody fusion with hydroxiapatite grafts
 21. Vukić, Miroslav; Mihaljević, Dinko; Jednačak, Hrvoje; Saftić, Robert; Walters, B.C.; Kovačević, Rajko Minimally invasive surgery of multilevel cervical spondylosis CENS