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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 „ Salzburg

January 2007- December 2007 visiting neurosurgeon Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York – Minimal invasive spine surgery

January 2007 - International 28th Course for Percutaneous Endoscopic Spinal Surgery and complementary Minimal Invasive Techniques - Bethania Hospital Zurich – Switzerland

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

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

Certifications:

2004. - Croatian Board of Neurological Surgery

2006. - Minimal invasive spinal surgery – METRx system

2007. - Endoscopic Spine Surgery

2008. - Laser Spine Surgery

Memberships:

Croatian Neurosurgical Society

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Society for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery(SMISS)

International Intradiscal Therapy Society(IITS)

International Musculoskeletal Laser Society(IMLAS)

Asian Academy of Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery(AAMISS)

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