

# Opportunities in Image-Guided Surgery



Nicholas Theodore, MD, FACS, FAANS  
Donlin M. Long Professor  
Professor of Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics and Biomedical Engineering  
Co-Director, Carnegie Center for Surgical Innovation  
Johns Hopkins University



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Origin of Stereotaxis

- 1908: **Victor Horsley** and **Robert Clarke** first published a 3D targeting technique for neurosurgery in *Brain*.
- They used a Cartesian coordinate system used to lesion targets in monkey brains from external cranial landmarks and cortical topography, coining the term "**stereotaxis**".

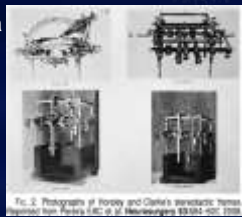


FIG. 2. Photographs of Horsley and Clarke's stereotactic frames.  
Reprinted from Peters (18) in: *J. Neurosurgery* 93:104-107 (1998)



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Historical Perspectives

- Roentgen & **X-ray** (November 8, 1895)\*
- Horsley & Clarke, **Stereotaxis** (1906)
- Dandy & **Pneumoencephalography** (1919)
- Moniz & **Cerebral Angiography** (1927)
- Spiegel & Wycis, **Stereoencephalotome** (1946)
- Leksell & **Stereotactic Frame** (1949)
- Hounsfield & Cormack, **CT** (1979)\*
- Lauterbur & Mansfield, **MRI** (2003)\*

• \*Nobel Prize



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Image Guided Brain Surgery



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Evolution of Image Guided Spinal Surgery

- Plain radiography/C-arm fluoroscopy
- Preoperative CT-based
- Intra-operative CT-based
- Fluoroscopy-based
- Intraoperative mobile 3D imaging



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Percutaneous Pedicle Screws for Trauma



---

---

---

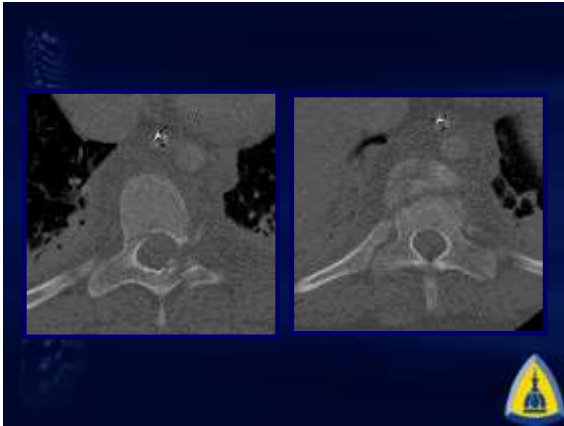
---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

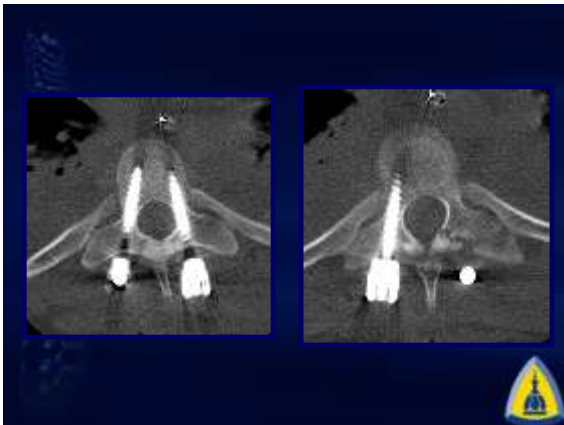
---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

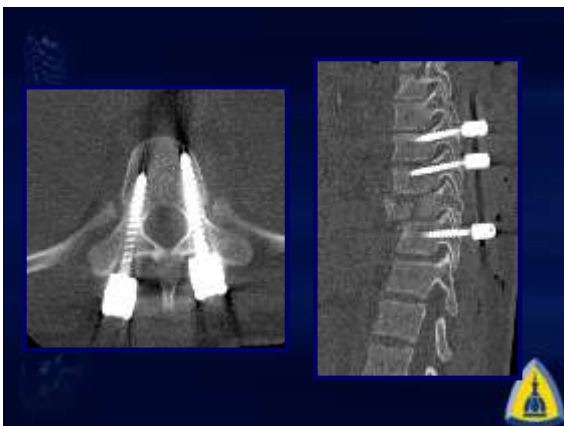
---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

# State of the Art

- Frameless stereotaxy
- Intraoperative cone beam imaging
- Intraoperative MRI
- Image-guided robotics




---

---

---

---

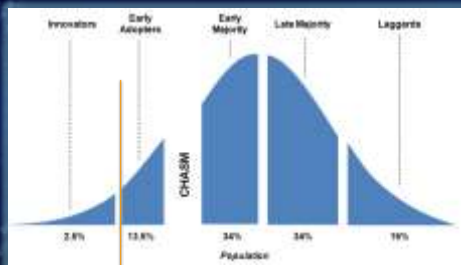
---

---

---

---

# Navigation Adoption



1996-2016




---

---

---

---

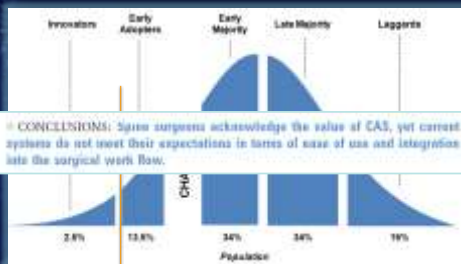
---

---

---

---

# "Fiddle-Factor" is Too High



Leaders 1996-2016

Followers




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Challenges

- Radiation Exposure
- Image Quality
- Image Merge
- Registration
- Automation



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Why Image Guidance?



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Bad Things Happen

Teenage girl left paralysed after undergoing surgery on her spine at a Dublin hospital awarded €4.8m



---

---

---

---

---

---

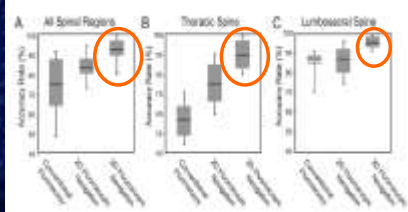
---

---

### Meta-Analysis Results

Navigation – Conventional vs. 2D vs. 3D

- Conventional Accuracy
- Overall: 2592 of 3719 screws (69.4%)



Lumbar 50.7%



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Introduction of Surgical Robots



- 1985: The PUMA surgical robot was used to position a biopsy cannula as a stable platform for needle insertion of a brain biopsy



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### DaVinci Surgical System (1999)

- 4 arms
- 7 degrees of freedom
- Master-slave



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



### CyberKnife® (Accuray) 1994



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Mako Robot 2015



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

The International Journal of Medical Robotics and Computer Assisted Surgery  
An International Journal of Medical Robotics and Computer Assisted Surgery  
ISSN: 1548-8659 (Print) ISSN: 1548-8667 (Online) **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**  
Published online 22 November 2015 in Wiley Online Library (wileyonlinelibrary.com). DOI: 10.1002/ro.1407

### Robotics for spinal operations: reality or Alice in Wonderland?



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



BNI, 2002 Theodore, Sonntag




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



The 5 Jobs Robots Will Take First

- 1. Middle management
- 2. Salespeople
- 3. Report writers, journalists, authors
- 4. Accountants and bookkeepers
- 5. **Doctors**




---

---

---

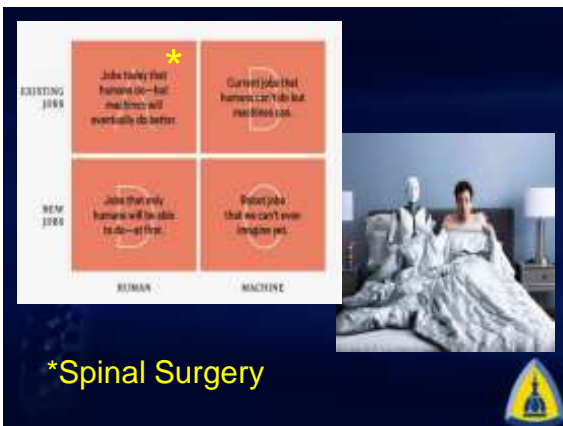
---

---

---

---

---



\*Spinal Surgery




---

---

---

---





---


---

---

---

## Robotics in Spinal Surgery

-  Capture Patients Seeking Less Invasive Surgery  
*Patient Value = Efficacy \* Less Invasiveness*
-  Reduce Radiation Exposure  
*Surgeons, staff, and patients*
-  Procedural Consistency  
*Automate trajectory alignment*
-  Pre-Operative and Intra-Operative Planning  
*Optimize surgical placement*



---

---

---

---



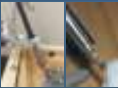
---


---

---

---

## Robotics in Spinal Surgery

-  Real-time visualization of instruments with trajectory guidance
-  Active feedback on movement of anatomic reference (DRB)
-  Deflection sensing technology



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



Sonntag

BNI, 2002 Theodore, Sonntag



---

---

---

---

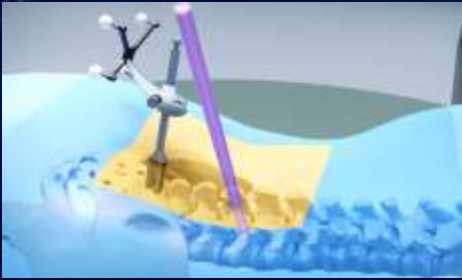
---

---

---

---

## Image Guidance & Robotics



---

---

---

---

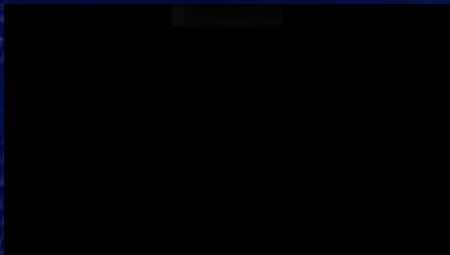
---

---

---

---

## Excelsius GPS™ Workflow



---

---

---

---

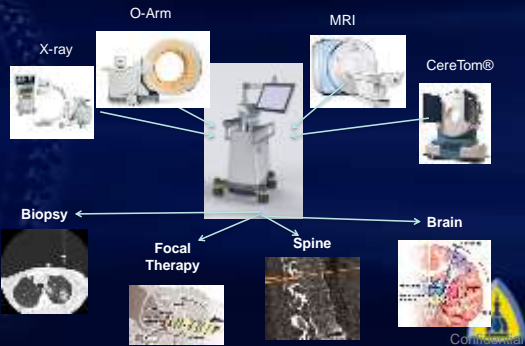
---

---

---

---

## Imaging, Robotics & Minimally Invasive Surgery



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### CT Guided Biopsy



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Future Directions

- Confocal Microscopy & imaging for virtual biopsy
- Fully automated surgery
- Artificial intelligence (& big data) for complex procedures
  - Tumor margins, bone density, surgical planning
- Multi-modality imaging (MRI, ultrasound, CT)
- Augmented reality for surgery



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Future of Imaging



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---