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## **IMPROVING CARE FOR SPINE PATIENTS THROUGH A COLLECTIVE APPROACH**

### **NEW SPINE TANGO PLATFORM LAUNCHED**

We are pleased to announce the successful launch of EUROSPINE's new Spine Tango platform on 1 May 2019.

EUROSPINE's international Spine Tango registry (established in 2002) is a dynamic tool for outcome assessment of both surgical and conservative treatments, offering:

- A high degree of confidentiality (GDPR compliant)
- Unbiased outcome assessments by means of standardised forms
- Descriptions of demographics, pathology and provided treatment
- Validated, patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs)

Our new Spine Tango registry platform, hosted by Northgate Public Services (NPS), is the next important step in realising EUROSPINE's vision to be the driving force and the primary and preferred partner in Europe for all spinal care issues. The new platform will provide a comprehensive implant database and feedback services to clinicians, hospitals, and medical device manufacturers to strengthen quality assurance and implant surveillance networks. This new and easy-to-use platform will enable registry users to benchmark performance, comparing individual, group or regional data with a large data pool to improve performance of surgical techniques and implants. Sophisticated statistical methods can model treatment indications, effectiveness, safety and best practice across countries.

The Spine Tango registry will also make it easier to comply with new data protection laws across Europe that make it mandatory to provide life-cycle evidence on medical devices. With the European spinal implant market continuing to grow in volume (expected to reach \$3.46 billion by 2021<sup>1</sup>), and in the development of new implant technologies, effective tracking and monitoring of patient outcomes is of vital importance.

The Spine Tango registry is open to all: hospitals, individual clinicians and national organisations. The flexible technology will enable users to:

- Tailor parameters with full flexibility
- Aggregate data to achieve statistically robust analyses sooner
- Develop once and share (features, forms, reports, standards, know-how etc.)
- Maintain independence, data ownership by surgeon, hospital, country
- Access anonymised pooled data for benchmarking and research
- Show proof of performance as a surgeon, department or spine society
- Tap into a unique research network
- Set up prognostic modelling for shared decision-making to establish realistic patient expectations and standardise spinal care across borders

Tim Pigott, EUROSPINE President, said: "Patients are at the heart of our priorities. The new Spine Tango registry platform is pivotal in helping us to fulfil our mission to optimise patient care. The data collected will provide clear evidence on prevention, treatment effectiveness, patient safety, and best practice, supporting spine-related learning and research. State-of-the-art data collection and analysis will offer an efficient approach to sharing optimum treatments, meeting the highest standards of quality assurance."

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.micromarketmonitor.com/market/europe-spine-surgery-devices-8427174455.html>