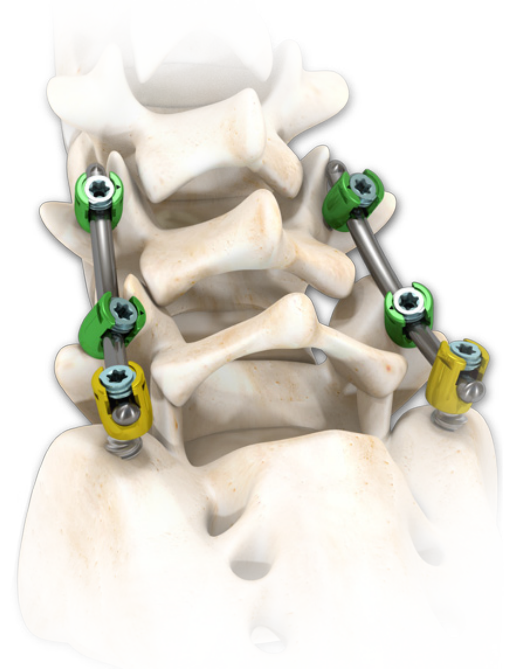


## SpineCraft Announces the Successful US Release of the **ASTRA SPINE SYSTEM**

SpineCraft would like to announce the successful US release of the **ASTRA SPINE SYSTEM**. The **ASTRA SPINE SYSTEM** is designed for spinal deformity correction as well as tumor, trauma and degenerative procedures. It also includes a new revision & extension module developed for the expanding revision patient population. The revision & extension module includes a variety of proprietary rods and linkages specifically designed to allow the surgeon to attach to pre-existing implants. This ability to link to the existing implants can reduce surgery time and the overall cost associated with a hardware removal and replacement.

The **ASTRA SPINE SYSTEM** is designed for use with 6.0 mm and 5.5 mm titanium and cobalt chromium rods. All rods are interchangeable within the same implants and instrumentation providing the surgeon valuable intraoperative flexibility while reducing the hospital inventory requirements. In addition, the **ASTRA SPINE SYSTEM** includes several implant enhancements including a favored angle design incorporated in all thoracolumbar polyaxial screws.



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*“I began using the **ASTRA SPINE SYSTEM** in early 2016 and have found the system to be comprehensive and an excellent choice for my complex spine procedures. Initially I did not anticipate the benefit of the **ASTRA** favored-angle polyaxial screw. With multiple cases performed, I now recognize that the extreme favored angle helps facilitate rod placement and proper rod positioning. This advantage is particularly valuable with severe spinal rotation or scoliotic curves. The beauty of the **ASTRA** favored angle option is that you don’t have to ask for it; it’s built into every thoracolumbar screw and is there when you need it most.”*

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