

## Asia Pacific Spine Society

## **CRITERIA FOR APSS SPINE CENTRE:**

- 1. A dedicated Spine Centre
- 2. Consultant/Host must be an active APSS member
- 3. Has more than two (2) English-speaking spine consultants
- 4. Minimum eight (8) spine cases/week available to show to fellow and it must not include nerve root injection, cervical fracture and biopsy
- 5. Preferably allow the fellow to scrub in or assist the consultant in surgeries
- 6. Has experience in hosting fellows (may be hosts of other programme)
- 7. Availability of accommodation for fellows
- 8. Required to submit:
  - a. a list of the spine consultants currently in the department, including their names, numbers, and respective years of spine practice \*
  - b. a list consisting of the diagnosis and type of cases for the past one (1) year (do not provide patient details)
  - c. a number of operating days and average number of surgeries per week.
  - d. academic schedule (weekly/monthly) of the centre\*
  - e. support/recommendation from the APSS Chapter Representative
  - f. accreditation as a teaching institution by the university or local medical agency such as the Ministry of Health, i.e., a recognised University Hospital