



ESGO Traveling Fellowship Fellows Report

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Dates of Fellowship: 5/10/15 to 30/10/15

Detailed description on Teaching received:

I received extensive teaching about surgical skills and discussion about the ongoing trials in Gynaecological oncology. I was able to participate as a scrub team in almost all all cases (31 operations) and received direct procedural education. I received teaching on ultra-radical surgery in ovarian cancer and exposure to robotic surgery. In particular I received teaching on sandwich technique of diaphragmatic stripping and removal of pericardiophrenic nodes. I also received teaching on complete PA lymphadenectomy –open, robotic and laparoscopic.

I learned following procedures:

1. Sandwich technique of diaphragm stripping
2. Removal of pericardiophrenic nodes
3. Paraaortic lymphadenectomy – open, laparoscopic and robotic
4. Ultra-radical ovarian cancer surgery

Goals accomplished:

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I was able to accomplish all my goals. My main goal was exposure to ultra-radical ovarian cancer surgery and in particular diaphragmatic stripping. I also managed to see robotic surgery which was an additional achievement.

Achievement in clinical practice:

I will achieve more confidence in clinical practice.

Presentations eg. at seminar or meetings:

Please find attached my presentation for annual fellow's meeting in Oxford which I was scheduled to present on 27th Nov. unfortunately due to time constrain I could not present but will present at the next annual meet.

Research performed and outcome:

I have not performed any research but I have maintained a detailed log of all cases with the skills learned and reflections from the experience. If the reviewers want to see the log, I can send it as a separate file.

Publications:

I have not published anything in relation to the fellowship but I intend to share my experience to other UK trainees during an Annual Trainees meeting in 2016.

Problems encountered with a critical evaluation of the fellowship experience as a whole:

I have not encountered any particular problems at all. I have gained a lot from this fellowship. The team is very welcoming and there was environment to teach and learn. Everyone I met during my visit were very very nice and I have encountered no problems. It is without doubt that the type surgery I went to learn takes longer operating time but it is well understood.

Future plan on returning to home:

I would like to use the skills I have learned such as sandwich technique for diaphragmatic stripping, retroperitoneal hysterectomy and PA lymphadenectomy. This experience will make me much more confident. I would also like to get exposure in robotic surgery and for that I will do the training first.

I intend to develop further links with Prof Du bois team to spread learning and teaching in Gynae-oncology.

Overall evaluation and comment of the fellowship:

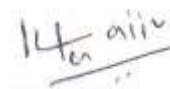
This fellowship was of an immense value for my career and I am in debt to Prof Andreas Du bois, Dr Philipp Harter, Dr Christian Kutzeder, Dr Baiyan Ataseven, Dr Sonia Prader, Dr Stephanie Sneider, the theatre staff, lovely anaesthetic team and all others. I am also grateful to ESGO for sponsoring me. I only have praises for the support I received from ESGO office by Helena Opolecka and Dr Harter's secretary – Astrid Noll.

The set up and team in Essen is second to none. The team is highly motivated and deliver excellent care. The approach to ultra-radical surgery is very standardized. This training centre provides a great opportunity to train and learn. The team is very supportive and welcoming. I would recommend this type of fellowship to other colleagues.

Date 29/11/15

Applicant's name KETANKUMAR GAJJAR

Signature:

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Enjoy learning with ESGO!