



ESGO Traveling Fellowship Fellows Report

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Detailed description on Teaching received:

Every morning at 07:40 I participated in morning briefings of Prof. Dr. Andreas du Bois during which clinical cases, cases of new patients (those who were accepted to the hospital on duty) and the work plan of the day were discussed. Every Monday , together with morning briefings I participated in educational lectures, on Thursdays in research briefings, on Wednesdays in radiological conferences and on Fridays in interdisciplinary Tumor board conferences. After that I participated in patients' visits and got acquainted with the principles of patients' postoperative care. Every day I was invited to join the surgical team and assisted in every case. Especially I took a part in

¹debulking surgery and learned the steps of surgical technique in cases of advanced stages ovarian cancer. I have learnt the sandwich technique of diaphragm stripping. I saw and learned how do peritonectomy- from both paracolic, diaphragmatic spaces, as well as retroperitoneal or pelvic packet removing technique or implants removing from splenic, pancreatic ...regions. The technique of sentinel lymph node finding and removing was also very interesting.

Every week there were operations(total radical hysterectomy, pelvic lymphadenectomy..), that were done with Da Vinci Xi robot, which is available for gynecological use in KEM(Kliniken Essen Mitte). So it gave the opportunity to see the technique, understand the feature and advantage of the robot in some operations. Classic laparoscopy was also performed(staging of borderline ovarian tumor, benign gynecological diseases). We finished work day with discussion- meeting when daily cases and operations were discussed.

Goals accomplished :

I was able to accomplish all my initial goals, especially

1. Got experience in specific surgical technique

- Stripping of diaphragm peritoneum(Sandwich technique)
- Resection of cardiophrenic lymph nodes(supradiaphragmatic)
- Steps of debulking surgery in advanced stages ovarian cancer
- Technique of using , advantage of DaVinci Xi robot in oncogynecological surgery

2. Acquaintance with therapy guidelines 2018 of KEM(KLINIKEN ESSEN MITTE guidelines journal)

3. Discussion about clinical non-standard cases with multidisciplinary team and choosing the optimal treatment way.

4. Knowledge of health care system in Germany

Achievement in clinical practice:

Experience in surgical management of advanced stages ovarian cancer with attachment of specific surgical techniques - diaphragm stripping and mediastinal lymph nodes resection

Presentations eg. at seminar or meetings:

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Research performed and outcome:

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Publications:

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

Absolutely no problems, best team of surgeons, anesthetists, OP staff .

Future plan on returning to home:

This fellowship gave me great practical skills and theoretical knowledge that I will use and share with colleagues in our hospital, in our team.

Overall evaluation and comment of the fellowship:

It is a great honor for me to do fellowship in the gynecological department of KEM with the super team of Prof.Dr. Andreas DuBois, and I can only thank him at first ,as well as Dr.Philipp Harter, Dr.Sonia Prader, Dr.Stephanie Schneider, Dr.Florian Heitz, Dr.Beyhan Ataseven as senior physicians. Personally I would also thank Dr.V.Vrentas, doctor assistants N.Pauly, K.Wieferich, E. Schnura for their company and help. Due to his high volume operations, quality and humanity of professionals KEM give the fellows chance to acquire new surgical and theoretical skills in gynecology.

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