



ESGO Traveling Fellowship Fellows Report

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Detailed description on Teaching received:

On my first day, I was welcomed by Mr. Henrik Falconer and Dr. Lotta Klynning, and after that I was introduced to the clinic at a meeting. After the meeting, I attended to the operating theatre. Henrik Falconer had already prepared a well-planned schedule for me for my fellowship period as his all job. This programme included in-patient ward, out-patient clinic, MDTs, and surgery. I tried to follow that programme while I wasn't at the operation theatre.

I have attended morning meetings which the postoperative patients, preoperative patients, schedule of the operating theatre and the things to be done on that day were discussed. This provided me to observe the routine practice of the centre in preoperative and postoperative evaluation of the patients.

Every Monday, I attended to gynaecologic tumour board. There were multidisciplinary discussions. I realised that there were pathologists and medical oncologists who worked together with gynaecologic oncologists. I noticed that a clinic could become more qualified and more helpful to the patients in this way of working. By the way, I am thankful to Dr. Ulrika Joneborg who made translation for me from Swedish to English during these MDTs.

I observed that they made the necessary interventions to the postoperative patients on time at the in-patient ward. Doctors, nurses, secretaries and other staff were working in a well-coordinated way at the in-patient ward. Especially the existence of physiotherapists at the in-patient ward excited me about getting more benefit to postoperative patients.

At the out-patient clinic I worked with Dr. Gulnara Kassymova during one day, which gave me an overview both of the patients seen at the clinic and of the organization. I realised that the records of the patients were kept in a methodical and well-arranged way.

Most of the time, I followed Dr. Henrik Falconer at the operation theatre. I'm really grateful to him as I was able to discuss all the questions I had in my mind regarding with the patients, operations and his techniques. I benefited much from his knowledge on open surgery, sentinel node and especially on robotic surgery. So it gave the opportunity to see the technique, understand the feature, and advantage of robotic surgery in some operations. During the last days of my fellowship period, I also saw the scientific excitement of the clinic about the RAAC trial in which Dr. Falconer and Dr.S. Salehi were included. Indeed, the thing that was mostly impressed me in this clinic was observation and assistance of vulvar cancer operation. On vulvar cancer cases, I worked with Dr. Diana Zach and she has amazing experiences on these cases. I would like to express sincerely that I am grateful to Dr. Zach for her help in all steps during this period, sharing the experiences and answering my questions about her approaches.

Goals accomplished :

- Got experience in specific surgical techniques (the use of flaps in vulvar cancer,...)
- Advantage of Da Vinci Xi, Si robot in oncogynaecological surgery.
- Using Sentinel node biopsy as a standard practice in the clinic.
- MDTs are done very meticulously in presence of all the stakeholders.
- Knowledge of health care system in Sweden.

Achievement in clinical practice:

- Advancement, rotation and transposition flaps in vulvar cancer.
- Observation of docking of Da Vinci Xi, Si robot.
- Steps of debulking surgery in advanced stages ovarian cancer (modified posterior exenteration, ...).

Presentations eg. at seminar or meetings:

None.

Research performed and outcome:

None.

Publications:

None.

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

Absolutely no problems were encountered during the fellowship period. Surgeons team was perfect and anaesthetists, operation theatre staff, nurses, the other workers were so kind and helpful.

Future plan on returning to home:

Having opportunity to make observation in an ESGO accredited centre which is different clinical and surgical techniques are used affected my ongoing education in a positive way. I aim to implement the gained knowledge into my practice. I will use and share the great practical skills and theoretical knowledge that I got from this fellowship.

Overall evaluation and comment of the fellowship:

Doing this fellowship was a great honour for me in the gynaecological oncology in Karolinska with the team of Dr. Henrik Falconer. I would like to state my thanks to him and his team. I want to say that the clinic of Dr. Henrik Falconer is the head considers the patients' convenience at maximum level. Also, I would like to thank to Dr. Diana Zach, Dr. Lotta Klynning, Dr. Sahar Salehi, Dr. Angelique Flöter Radestad, Dr. Ulrika Joneborg, Dr. Gulnara Kassymova. Personally I would also thank to Dr. K. Palsdottir, Dr. K. Lindberg, Dr. E. Farm and Dr. L. Eriksson.

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