



## **ESGO Traveling Fellowship Fellows Report**

### **Name of Fellow: Dr Basumita Chakraborti**

Position at Home Institution: Junior Consultant Gynaecological Oncology

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**Head of the Department: Dr Jaydip Bhaumik, MBBS, DGO, MS, DNB, FRCOG, CCT**

**Queen Elizabeth Hospital**, Mentor: Mr A Kucukmentin

Position at Host Institution: Senior Consultant Gynaecological Oncology

Institution (full address): Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Sheriff Hill, Gateshead, NE9 6SX, 0044-1914820000

### **Royal London Hospital and Barts Cancer Institute**

Mentor: Mr Ranjit Manchanda.

Position at Host Institution: Senior Consultant Gynaecological Oncology

Institution (full address): Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BB

### **Bergonie Hospital**

Prof Denis Querleu and Dr Frederic Guyon

Position at Host Institution: Senior Consultant Gynaecological Oncology

Institution (full address): Institute Bergonie, 229 Cours de l'Argonne, 33000 Bordeaux.

### **Dates of Fellowship:**

03/06/18-12/06/18 **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**, Sheriff Hill, Gateshead, NE9 6SX

18/06/18- 03/07/18 . **Royal London Hospital and Barts Cancer Institute**, Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BB

09/07/18- 13/07/18 . **Bergonie hospital**, 229 Cours de l'Argonne, 33000 Bordeaux, France

### **Detailed description on Teaching received:**

I would like to thank Prof Denis Querleu, the ESGO President and all my host consultants Mr A Kucukmentin and Mr Ranjit Manchanda and Dr Frederic Guyon for this opportunity.

My total period of fellowship was for 6 weeks.

During that period I attended three hospitals, two in United Kingdom and one in Bordeaux, France.

I also attended the ESGO Masterclass in Gynaecological Oncology in Warsaw, Poland and the BGCS 2018 Meeting in London.

I spent short time in all three hospitals, so mainly it involved close observation of the work patterns at different levels. I attended the MDTs, clinics, operation theatre, ward rounds and clinical governance meetings in all the hospitals.

The Consultants at Gateshead guided me cordially through the workings of the department. I learnt about very organized multi disciplinary board meetings conducted in the department.

I got to see the work pattern of the outpatient departments and the role of the Clinical specialist nurses. The surgical exposure was also very special.

I also attended the Royal London Hospital and Barts Cancer Institute under Dr Ranjit Manchanda, the Gynaecological Oncology Consultant. Here I looked into the pathway of management of the women with hereditary germline mutations predisposing them to gynaecological cancers.

Next I visited the Institute of Bergonie, Bordeaux, France.

Here Prof Denis Querleu and Dr Frederic Guyon guided me through the fellowship tenure.

I got many hands on experience on surgery and I will always cherish my visit in Bordeaux.

For me it was experiencing the gynaecological oncology outside India, for the first time There are areas where I learnt a lot.

1. The use of standard protocol across a department for treatment. I looked into the existing protocols at the clinics, wards and theatres.

2. I found that sentinel node biopsy a standard practice in many places in Europe.

3. MDTs are done very meticulously in presence of all the stake holders. Detailed work up of the cases were done before the MDTs by the Fellows but senior nurses and secretaries also contribute in the work flow. I had the opportunity to discuss the doubts related to the contraindications of primary debulking surgery in ovarian cancer and the respectability of the disease.

4. Clinical governance is practiced on regular basis for quality assurance.

5. Apart from that one of my major intention was to familiarise myself with the pathway of the management of the gynaecological cancer patients with germline mutations.

5. I spent quite sometime at Barts Cancer Institute and got to observe the role of the clinical and research teams involved in the management of these patients and their relatives.

I attended the family clinics for the gynaecological and breast patients, which are conducted at the respective department by the clinicians.

The Clinical Specialist Nurses play a very vital role in co-ordination between the patient and the physician. I found the team very co-operative and guided me through my queries without any hesitance.

6. Last but not the least, I realized that basic hygiene is the bottom line for all infection control

practices and that is taken very seriously.

**Goals accomplished :**

**Learnt about the work pattern of the ESGO accredited centres**

Pre-operative patient selection for primary debulking surgeries for ovarian cancer cases.  
Advanced surgical techniques; especially techniques for upper abdomen and solid organ resections, Improved skills related to laparoscopic radical surgeries, for instance: sentinel lymph node dissection and radical hysterectomy.

**Management of the hereditary/Family clinic:**

Another thing I wanted to see was that how the genetic services are best provided for women with gynaecological cancers, in UK.

Barts cancer Institute was the best place to learn about it.

I saw the work pattern there and interacted with the Team so that I could implement some of the work pattern in our place.

**Achievement in clinical practice:**

My travelling fellowship at all three ESGO accredited centres in UK and Europe , enabled me to appreciate and learn the current practices of the Gynaecological Oncology practiced there at the accredited centres.

Observing different clinical, surgical and scientific techniques in ESGO accredited center has positive affect in my current education and would also help me in my career later.

I was able to extrapolate some of the management protocols in my hospital.

For example

We started doing MSI for all cases of endometrial cancer which was not happening before.

Also Gynaecologist led counseling for the patients in need for genetic services was also started in the Department.

**Presentations eg. at seminar or meetings:** I attended the Masterclass in Gynaecological Oncology at Warsaw, conducted by ESGO from 14-16/06/18.

I also attended the BGCS 2018 at Westminster , London on 5-6/07/18.

**Research performed and outcome:** Looked into the research methodology and read and understood many ongoing clinical trials mainly at Barts Cancer institute..

**Publications: None**

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

None but my time over abroad was very less for proper training hands on training.

**Future plan on returning to home:**

I wanted to work on ESGO accreditation of the Department of Gynaecological Oncology at Tata Medical Centre.

**Overall evaluation and comment of the fellowship:** It was an excellent opportunity for me to go through this Travelling fellowship and I want to continue the journey by completing the proper Fellowship from an accredited centre.

**DR BASUMITA CHAKRABORTI**

Date 08/11/18

Applicant's name (in capital letters)

Signature:

**Enjoy learning with ESGO!**