



ESGO Traveling Fellowship Fellows Report

Name of Fellow:

Position at Home Institution: Subspecialty Trainee in Gynaecological Oncology
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Name of Mentor at Host Institution:

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Dates of Fellowship: 1/5/18 – 31/7/18

Detailed description on teaching received:

- Attended morning meetings where discussed cases, international guidelines, research
- Learned about selection of patients for debulking surgery
- Attended workshops on ovarian cancer staging surgery

Goals accomplished:

- Observed removal of cardiophrenic lymph nodes
- Experience of Sandwich technique for stripping the diaphragm
- Observed ureteric reimplantations with Boari flap and psoas hitch
- Observed removal of coeliac axis lymph nodes

Achievement in clinical practice:

- Attended approximately 30 major cases, predominantly for ovarian cancer surgery
- Good exposure to bowel, urological and upper abdominal surgery

- Increased familiarity with upper abdominal anatomy and diaphragmatic stripping
- Attended ward rounds to observe postop care of patients

Presentations e.g. at seminar or meetings:

Research project presented at KEM departmental meeting. Final results to be submitted for presentation at an international conference.

Research performed and outcome:

Retrospective cohort study of the prognostic utility of Chemotherapy Response Score (prospectively and retrospectively applied) in consecutive patients undergoing Interval Debulking Surgery at KEM between 2011 and 2018. Final data analysis still underway.

Publications:

Project will be prepared for submission to a journal.

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

I did not encounter any problems. The organisation and communication from KEM prior to my arrival were very clear and helpful and I was included in the allocations for theatre so usually there were not too many trainees in theatre at the same time. My allocations were tailored to ovarian cancer cases as this was where I wanted to focus my time.

Future plan on returning to home:

I have recently been appointed as a consultant and plan to utilise the skills learned during my fellowship to further develop the ultra-radical ovarian cancer service at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

Overall evaluation and comment of the fellowship:

Overall I found the fellowship hugely beneficial. The team at KEM were very welcoming and keen to teach, and supportive of me taking on a research project during my time there. They have continued to provide support since my visit in relation to the project. The surgical caseload was extremely interesting and the techniques demonstrated very helpful for my surgical development. I am grateful to ESGO for their support.

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Signature: 

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