

EBCOG TRAINEE FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE

Name of country and city training made: Turkey, Ankara

Years of training: 5th year

Name of hospital and country the fellowship received: Santa Anna Hospital, Turin, Italy

Dates of fellowship: 01.02.2012 – 25.04.2012

Original Goals and the Fellowship Experience

As being in the last year of my residency, I believe that I gained the skills, experience and knowledge thanks to my institution. When I saw the announcement of a chance to practice in another country on EBCOG web site, I thought that it will be a good opportunity to see different clinical approaches, different surgical procedures and to experience a different working atmosphere.

First of all, I wish to develop myself as a good gynecologist. I am especially interested in gynecological and oncologic surgery. My primary goal was to add the different procedures that I have learned during the fellowship to my own practice. I had the chance to observe different approaches in oncologic surgery and in laparoscopy. I also had a training course on laparoscopy which really lead for further improvement of my profession.

The only problem in the time of the fellowship period was my delayed flight because of the bad weather condition. Besides, I did not encounter any problems during my fellowship period. Prof. Benedetto, as the head of the department in Turin, considered my goals, the points that I am interested in and she organized everything to use my time efficiently during my stay in Turin from the first day. We met frequently for evaluating the time I spent and discussing what could be done more. I am so glad that I spent three months under the supervision of Prof. Benedetto.

The highlights of the fellowship were:

- The course of laparoscopy in S. Anna Hospital with simulators,
- The operative delivery course in S. Anna hospital,
- The oncological cases, especially vulvar surgery in S. Anna Hospital,
- The advanced laparoscopy course in Ospedale S. Orsola Malpighi in Bologna,
- The robotic surgery in Molinetti Hospital,
- And of course, the hospitality and helpfulness of the instructors, residents and all the staff in S. Anna Hospital.

As I returned to Turkey, I feel myself more confident, especially in laparoscopic surgery, both theoretically and practically. I learned a lot from Prof. Benedetto in various cases while I have been working with her. I believe the vulvar surgery cases I have attended with Prof. Micheletti (the flaps he use, his surgical approach and the research he is making), will be useful in my further career.

I plan to consider sub specializing on oncology, and apply the skills I gained during my fellowship period that broadened my scope. That's why I have been surely recommending my colleagues in Turkey, to have such an experience. I hope this project continues and more residents will get the advantage of this great opportunity.

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