

ESMO Clinical Unit Visit Report

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Multidisciplinary management of gynaecological cancers: moving from standard treatment to innovative clinical trials

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Introduction: as a young oncologist I have always watched at the Royal Marsden Hospital as one of the cradles of European Oncology. I therefore looked forward to work as a fellow at this Institution, gaining insight into oncology care and translational research.

The training goals of my Clinical Unit Visit focused on the multidisciplinary treatment of gynaecological cancers, including diagnosis process, genetic counselling, surgical and oncological management. During the six weeks of the programme I was actively involved in the daily clinical practice and treatment processes which lead to the high quality of patients' care at the Royal Marsden Hospital. For instance, every Monday I participated in the clinical cases discussion before clinic, on Tuesday I joined the Gynae MDT (multidisciplinary team discussion) which provide collaborative reviews of patients records leading to a comprehensive approach in treatment planning, and on Thursday I joined the team during chemotherapy clinic. Moreover, I observed the significant clinical research activity including phase I trials and I also collaborated with Dr. Banerjee and Dr. Orbegoso in the writing of a paper exploring innovative design options for clinical trials.

Conclusion: This Clinical Unit Visit gave me the chance to improve my knowledge about gynecological cancers and new drugs development at a world-recognised top cancer centre. I do think this opportunity will influence my future work as medical oncologist and I am considering applying for a longer fellowship at RMH. Moreover, I am very glad for new friendships and I hope this collaboration will lead to future research projects between my home Institute and the RMH.

I would definitively recommend this experience to every ESMO Young Oncologist!

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