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ESMO FELLOWSHIP -Clinical Unit Visit Report



Home Institute: AIIMS, NEW DELHI, INDIA

**Host Institute : JULES BORDET INSTITUTE, BELGIUM
BRUSSELS**

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Mentor(s): Prof. Martine PICCART

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I am Dr Ajay Gogia, working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medical Oncology at B.R.A, I.R.C.H, AIIMS, New Delhi, India . Breast cancer and Lymphoma are my area of interest for research and patient care. I want to thank ESMO organizers for giving me an opportunity to work with Prof. Martine Piccart at Institut Jules Bordet, Brussels.

I have been selected for this fellowship “Clinical Unit Visit” in 2014 but due to some logistic reasons , the visit was delayed and finally I could complete my fellowship in 2017. The protocol of this fellowship program which was designed, in the view of research areas of my Interest helped me a lot to gain clinical experience in the field of oncology. I had the opportunity to attend all of weekly scheduled academic activity (assigned for fellows) including clinical combined round, clinical trial protocol meeting related to breast cancer , different ward rounds (on services) and also the weekend rounds. Breast cancer Tumor board meetings on Wednesday shed light on how to deal various different clinical scenarios. Genetic counselling, screening sessions and survivorship

sessions with experts were helpful in gaining basic skills of offering these sessions to the patients. I think that the involvement of a pharmacist in addition to the clinical nurse (which is not a regular practice at home institute) in the chemotherapy drug delivery is very useful and beneficial in regularizing the doses of various drugs used in the treatment. I had a good discussion with team leaders regarding my future projects at AIIMS , like incidence of BCRA1 and BCRA2 genes among these cancers and implementation of PARP inhibitor such Olaparib in management of breast cancer.

I was not exposed to clinical trial in my training part of our Institute. I think this fellowship will allow me in future collaborative efforts with this Dept of, Medical oncology of Institut Jules Bordet, Brussels. In relation to breast cancer clinical research trial The skills gained during the fellowship will certainly benefit the cancer patients treated at All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India.





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