

ESMO Clinical Unit Visit 2014

REPORT



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Host Institute: West Germany Cancer Center in Essen, Essen, Germany
Mentor: Professor Dr. Sebastian Bauer
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Between January 5th and February 13th I had the opportunity to participate in one of the ESMO Educational Fellowships a six week Clinical Unit Visit. Because of my growing interest in sarcoma as well as in intensive care medicine, I opted for the Department of Oncology at the West Germany Cancer Center in Essen in Germany.

Professor Dr. Sebastian Bauer is globally recognized as one of the leading experts in Sarcoma management and I was very lucky when he agreed to accept me as a fellow for the period of 6 weeks. Following Professor Bauer during his research work was an amazing

opportunity for me to improve clinical and scientific skills and I feel deeply honored by his willingness, kindness and helpfulness.

Scheduled on every Thursday, the meetings of the multidisciplinary sarcoma team were perfectly organized for providing collaborative reviews of patients' records and comprehensive approaches in treatment planning. Professor Bauer arranged for me a short visit (1 week) to the Department of the Bone Marrow Department 3 (Intensive Care Unit), where Dr. Tobias Liebrechts was ready to show me his intensive care department. Thus, I learned more insights in managing oncologic as well as hematologic patients at the ICU Department.

In the course of my stay at the West Germany Cancer Center, I co-authored a book chapter concerning guidelines in leiomyosarcoma of different origins (extremities, retroperitoneal and uterine). All that meant a lot of additional work but I really enjoyed it, since it was exactly what I had been looking for. I believe it will help me in my future career progression, being at the same time a good source for improving diagnostic and treatment procedures at my home institution.

Essen is a charming city with a strong cultural heritage. I rented a small apartment at the West Germany Cancer Center, near my working place.

Taken together, I had a great time in Essen. Professor Dr. Bauer transformed my fellowship into an exceptional professional experience full of fascinating clinical research and scientific writing.

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