

ESMO Clinical Unit Visit Report

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Home Institute: Instituto Nacional de Oncología y Radiobiología de Cuba

Host Institute: Senology Department, European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy

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I was really interested in achieving better knowledge of the management of breast cancer, particularly intraoperative radiotherapy and to increase my knowledge in methods and procedures used in clinical trials. For this reason, I applied to ESMO Clinic Unit Visit Fellowship. I chose the European Institute of Oncology (EIO), an important center for the treatment of breast cancer in the world, where take place important clinical trials that have changed the management of breast cancer.

I spent my six weeks at Senology Department under the supervision of Dr Viviana Galimberti who is one of the leading experts in the field of Breast cancer treatment, particularly in the breast cancer surgery include intraoperative radiotherapy and clinical research focused in this pathology. I am deeply grateful to her for the warm acceptance and professional supervision.

I had the opportunity to participate in consultation with Dr. Viviana Galimberti and I could see the patients with breast cancer diagnosis including new patients, clinical trial patients, patients in follow-up and patients on treatment. I also had a chance to observe clinical and translational research. It was very interesting for me.

In the operating room I could increase my knowledge about intraoperative radiotherapy in breast cancer. I observed many surgical interventions with the application of this technique carried out by Dr Viviana Galimberti, Dr Paolo Veronesi, Dr Mattia Intra, Pietro Caldarella and other excellent surgeons from Senology department of the EIO. It was especially valuable experience for me as at present this technique is beginning in my Hospital in Cuba.

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Also I spent some days with Dr Critina Leonardi , Chief of the Radiotherapy department of EIO, she explain to me about current indications of treatment, planning and technique of intraoperative radiotherapy, besides about clinical trial that take place in EIO. I'm very grateful for this opportunity.

Furthermore, I attended the Grand Round each Friday where different doctors presented some of the results of research projects developed at EIO. It was very important to do updating and exchange opinions.

Every Thursday I participated in the meetings of the multidisciplinary breast cancer oncologic team, that are organized to prove collaborative reviews of patients' records and comprehensive approaches in treatment planning. In these meetings, led by Prof. Aroon Golderich the best treatment options for the patients were discussed. I had the possibility to learn about different clinical trials in adjuvant and neoadjuvant treatment that take place at the EIO.

I would like to **thanks very much** ESMO for this great opportunity. It has been an unforgettable experience in my life. This fellowship will change my future professional career. It will change my clinical practice and will improve the patients' care in my home institute. At the same time it will permit a better planning and optimal conduction of our clinical trials.

I recommend ESMO Clinic Unit Visit Fellowship to all young oncologists. Thanks again to ESMO!!!

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