

Endourological Society International Traveling Scholarship

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I'm so honored and grateful to be the recipient of the Endourological Society International Traveling Scholarship. I would like to thank Fellowship Committee of Endourology Society for giving me this opportunity to learn from endourology experts in Pennsylvania, a beautiful city. During my visit to the hospitals of Penn Medicine, I was impressed by the opportunities a young urologist like me was given to be exposed to the advances in Minimally Invasive Surgery and to improve my knowledge in the field of Endourology. Especially, the aim of my visit was to gain experience in Robotic Surgery, and my goal was perfectly achieved with the help of Professor David Lee, Chief of Urology in Penn Presbyterian Medical Center.



I started my four-week clinical observership from August 12th, 2019 with a warm welcome from Professor David Lee. Firstly, Professor Lee introduced me to his colleagues and informed me about the workings of his team. Then, he enquired me about my interest in Urology, and we discussed my schedule in his center. Most of the time of my visit, I learned with him at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. Furthermore, with his arrangement, I switched between the hospitals of Penn Medicine system to gain more experience from the other experts in endourology.

Professor Lee is a great mentor and keen to share his skills, knowledge, experience, and expertise with young urologists. During his surgery, he explained the procedure step-by-step and shared his tricks of the trade to perform perfectly on a case of Robotic-Assisted Radical Prostatectomy. After the surgery, he explained the difficult steps in detail and was happy to answer my questions. Every Thursday, I was with Professor Lee in outpatient consultation, and he showed many interesting cases. In the morning after the surgery day, I accompanied Professor Lee on rounds in the department. Each postoperative patient was followed up carefully and was discussed in detail. Therefore, I learned not only the surgical techniques but also the comprehensive management of prostate cancer.

During my stay, I got the opportunity to interact with the other faculty members of Penn Medicine and also saw a variety of their cases. I learned more about robotic partial nephrectomy with Professor Thomas Guzzo, endoscopic stone treatment with Dr. Justin Ziemba, and robotic prostatectomy with Dr. Daniel Lee.



Every Thursday morning, I participated in the Grand Rounds of Penn Medicine and saw the presentation of the special cases and the new researches. I was impressed the way the young doctors handled the problems with the guidance of their professors. At the meeting, I was really happy to meet Professor Alan Wein, the editor-in-chief of the textbook considered to be the gold standard in Urology, Campbell-Walsh Urology.



A highlight of my visit was the opportunity to co-author a research paper that will be submitted in Journal of Endourology for possible publication. My stay ended with a farewell dinner and I left for Vietnam with beautiful memories of my visit. I learned a lot during my stay and look forward to applying what I learned from Penn Medicine in my practice in Vietnam.



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Remarks

Overall, the Endourological Society International Traveling Scholarship was a great experience to learn and further explore my passion for urology. I hope that Endourological Society continues to support the endourology in developing countries.

Thank you and best regards,

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