# ESDO TRAINEE FELLOWSHIP REPORT    2018

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| Fellowship Institute: | **Rudolfstiftung Hospital Vienna, Austria** |
| Fellowship Host: | **Professor Thomas Gruenberger** |
| Date of Fellowship: | **March 5 – 16, 2018** |

## Report:

From my first contact with Prof. Gruenberger he turned to be an excellent and interesting host, and a perfect surgery teacher as well.

After introducing at the morning meeting with the rest of the surgeons at hospital, my fellowship started with interesting cases from the first moment in the operating room.

I was given a through explanation by all surgeons regarding surgery's milestones, including the anatomy and possible complications. All the OT staff, including the Anaesthesia and OT nurses were very welcoming and helpful.

Each Tuesday we attended the Oncology consilium where all oncology cases were presented and different specialists were involved in handling each single case. My German was not at that level to understand everything, so Prof. Gruenberger would politely explain all to me later in English, even introducing to me the basis of oncological treatment of the patients with which I am not that familiar yet.

During my clinical part training we would first see the CT and MR scans of the patient, discuss, and during the operation with the intraoperative ultrasound of the liver confirm the places of the tumor and surrounding anatomical elements.

Every case was interesting in different way, and Professor's devotion to every not only the case, but the patient I found inspiring.

I would also mention the two residents that were really opened and friendly helping me with every non-surgery related issue.

I would also like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the ESDO for their financial support in making these fellowships possible. For us, oncology oriented surgeons from undeveloped countries there is not enough opportunities for similar education. I am sure that this fellowship will help me in my future career.