

ESDO TRAINEE FELLOWSHIP REPORT 2018



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Fellowship Institute: **National Cancer Institute Bratislava, SKR**
Fellowship Host: **Professor Tomas Salek**
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Report:

Most of young people never lose a chance to improve their professional skills, to gain new experience and knowledge. ESDO Trainee Fellowship is a great chance for young doctors to get acquainted with modern achievements of surgery, to compare own experience, to enrich new ideas and technologies.

I was honored to be one of the recipients of this program this year. I am very proud of being the observer in National Cancer Institute in Bratislava. For every young surgeon it is essential to meet, discuss and work with experienced surgeons.

It was one of the best professional training in my career and it was a little cultural shock when a main oncologist of Slovak Republic Prof. Tomas Salek devote few hours each day for a great and deep professional discussion in oncology area. I was not expect so intensive and very friendly atmosphere which was during whole my training there.

I spent most of my time in operation department with a permanent involving in operation team. I'm particularly grateful to Dr. Daniel Pindiak (head of Surgical Department of NCI). He is really one of the best surgical oncologist which I have ever seen in my career. Whatever he did, it was done perfectly, proved by scientifically proven protocols and methods. I was happy from the possibility of scrabing on several interesting procedures with vascular reconstruction. There I have learnt different new ways of extended lymphadenectomy in gastric and pancreatic cancer. It was a quite new and great experience for me.

I'm very grateful to my mentor Prof. Tomas Salek and all his colleagues who shared their professional knowledge and experience with me. I believe that these fellowship gave me a lot of new knowledge and experience, which should be applied in my practice. I hope that in close future I will return to NCI in Bratislava for the next training.

I really appreciate and sincerely grateful You, that one of the main areas of ESDO activities is to contribute and spread scientific and practical knowledge among young doctors from Eastern Europe. It is a noble feature today and good gesture of openness.

Best regards,
Stepan Grytsenko