

ESDO TRAINEE FELLOWSHIP REPORT 2020/21

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Fellowship Host: **Professor Julien Taieb**
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Report:

My name is Enache Anne-Marie, I am working as a resident doctor at the County Emergency Hospital from Târgu-Mureș, Romania, in the Gastroenterology Department. I was in my second year of residency when I applied for the ESDO Trainee Fellowship, within the development program for young doctors. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, I only came in my 4th year of residency, after all safety measures were taken.

I am pleased to report positively on my fellowship at the Department of Digestive Oncology, at the European Hospital Georges Pompidou, Paris, France, under the supervision of Professor Julien Taieb.

On my first day here, I was greeted by the Professor who presented the department - that it is completely separated from General Oncology - the procedures, treatments, and interventions they are performing. Afterwards I was introduced to his international team - Dr. Elisabeth Bergen, Dr. Lorenzo Pilla, and Matteo Landi - that was very welcoming and helped me integrate more easily, treating me like a colleague. Sharing their knowledge and offering their support, I had the opportunity to go with them to see the patients, and understand how a normal working day carries out.

Because in my hospital I do not have the opportunity to follow up oncological patients, here I was overwhelmed with so much information. In the day care units, we saw patients with all types of GI tumors, from the more common (stomach cancer, CRC, pancreatic cancer) to the less ones (NET, GIST and especially anal cancer). We have seen patients that were for the first time at the oncologic unit, but also patients that were under surveillance for years now and Prof. Taieb discussed each case.

I took part in multidisciplinary meetings (tumor boards) on Wednesday and Thursday. I was really impressed by their commitment to treat oncologic patients in the best possible way, and their strong collaboration, working together as a team – not only oncologist, but also gastroenterologists, pathologists, surgeons, and radiologists. These meetings are an important source for young doctors to learn and to discuss freely any questions. On top of that, every Monday afternoon a lecture or a journal club is held.

Apart from the Oncology Department, I was given the possibility to visit the Endoscopy Unit, where I was accepted to assist to upper and inferior GI endoscopies. I have seen procedures such as polypectomy, endoscopic hemostasis, enteroscopy, mucosectomy.

This clinical fellowship aided me in growing as a gastroenterologist. In general, my stay in Paris was also extremely enriching for me as a person.

In the end, I would like to express my gratitude towards Prof Julien Taieb and the entire team for accepting me for this two-week clinical fellowship in their department. I'm very grateful that I had the opportunity to come here thanks to the ESDO Trainee Fellowship and I want to encourage all young residents, not only gastroenterologists, to apply for this program.