

Report on the ASGBI International Bursary :

As a junior surgeon, I can say confidently that our countries "developing countries" provide us with a great opportunity of training in the field of surgery. However, we are in need of back up, encouragement and motivation to go on with our career. All of these have been provided and covered by the ASGBI International Bursary which makes it an exciting and fabulous gift to the surgical trainees worldwide. Throughout the operating theatre making the stressful operating room a lovely home for the surgeon.

I can't describe how perfect and well organized the work in the hospitals via a completely computerized system no matter how it costs once it is directed achieving patient safety. I can describe the NHS as Fair, Fast and Perfect:

Fair as it is available for anyone who is legally present in UK whatever the problem is from In-growing toe nail to Heart transplant!

Fast as it is accessible at any time and can provide the treatment in well organized appointment system.

Perfect as it is a standard international system using the most up to date knowledge and facilities.

We had the chance to attend several procedures in different specialties and to have free comments and discussion about the differences in the skills and the approaches between our practice and the local one. We had access to look at very advanced instruments and techniques used to accomplish the surgery safely e.g. Doppler blood flow monitoring of brain during End-arterctomy.

Regarding the ASGBI Conference, It was a global meeting for surgeons. The topics discussed are extremely useful and are very hot topics directly related to our surgical practice. The sessions are presented by very well known surgeons and healthcare professionals discussing all of the current challenges to surgeons. We had the chance to meet those characters and have a wonderful chat. In general, the topics and talks presented in the meeting could be a very rich source for intensive educational course in surgery.

The ceremony for presentation of the certificates was a memorable event and this put an additional responsibility for us to translate this visit into our practice and try to make some change if possible.

I do appreciate the warm welcome and the hospitality of all the staff and people responsible for co-ordination of the Bursary specifically Miss Bhavnita and Mr. Martin Greaney. We spend together a very good time in the tour in Liverpool city and in the Gala Dinner in Palm House where we witness an extra-ordinary party.

Finally, ASGBI provided me with a distinguishable life experience and fruitful professional experience which will help me to carry on with my surgical career.

Best Regards,



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