

Please give us a brief report for this trauma fellowship program:

I could join Trauma team as a trauma fellow in Orthopaedics & Traumatology in Prince of Wales Hospital for 5 weeks. I could receive good quality of training all day long. In the morning, first I joined the ward round, including the grand round. I could know the condition of pre/post operative patients. There were a lot of elderly people who had fracture in the ward. At the morning conference, the procedure of surgical treatment in each patient was decided according to the information of history, physical examination, and XR/CT/MRI. After the conference, I observed out-patient clinic. I learned a lot of things from senior doctors.

In the afternoon, I joined operation. I could scrub hands as an assistant. I could join almost all the operation during my fellowship. There were a lot of fracture operations; hemiarthroplasty or CRIF for femoral neck fracture, CRIF for femoral shaft fracture, ORIF or external fixation for distal radius fracture, ORIF for proximal/distal tibia, ORIF for patella fracture etc. All operations were performed quickly after injury. Above all, the screwing into pelvic fracture using navigation system was most impressive for me. Navigation system is the useful device which makes it possible to reconstruct the structure 3-dimensionally. This procedure was quite less invasive than the classical open method. And I thought it was impossible to perform this procedure without navigation system.

On Wednesday, there was a meeting which all orthopaedic surgeons attended. They made presentations about a rare case or EBM on the treatment. On Friday, we had a XR-meeting. There were many cases which were difficult to make diagnoses or to treat. In the Saturday morning, I attended the inter-hospital meeting. They made active discussions each other about difficult cases to treat.

I also took part in some academic meetings or learning courses for the orthopaedic trainees. First I attended the musculoskeletal oncology course on May 16. The main tutor was Prof. Frassica who is one of the most famous surgeons in the world. The lecture was very enthusiastic and attractive. He taught us about the diagnosis and treatment of benign/malignant bone tumors and soft tissue tumors. He made oncology clearly understandable. I was not familiar with oncology before, but I could learn the basis of oncology.

Second, I attended the special lecture of hand surgery which was made by Prof Manske on May 19. The title was Congenital Longitudinal Deficiency, which is a kind of hand anomaly. He simply explains the classifications and the surgical treatment. And I also attended Hong Kong Society for Surgery of Hand 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress on May 21-22. There were various interesting presentations and lectures. I was very happy to attend such an academic meeting.

In these 5 weeks, I learned quite a lot of things. This was my first experience to get training in the other country and I had a very meaningful time. Thank you.