

Report from Advanced course in Gynecological ultrasound 5-8 May 2014 in Malmö .

I work as a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology in Iceland and ultrasound is a part of our daily work but we have no specialist or referral center for ovarian and endometrial ultrasound. That means that every specialist must be skilled in ultrasound. We have no advanced courses in Iceland so we have to seek our continual education abroad.

I heard about and read the program for Advanced course in Gynecological ultrasound in Malmö and found it very ambitious, with many experts from different countries among the lectures.

The course was held in MAS , in the aula in Kvinnokliniken a small hall with flat floor and poor ventilation. And that was the only negative experience during the 4 days in Malmö. Everything else was the opposite. The course was very intensive, 7-8 hours/day, for four days. It started with an examination and in the end we could repeat it to see the progress we made. Participants were from many different countries and the lectures internationally known experts like Dr. Antonia Testa from Rome and Dr. Daniela Fischerova from Prague. The speakers were excellent and all the topics very well planned and connected to practical work . To help us to understand and use our new knowledge they played a video of special cases or live scan every day . Each morning began with a good summary of the previous day.

We got good overview of the basic physics, artifacts and safety . Excellent lectures on ultrasound diagnosis of adenomyosis, fibroids and leiomyosarcoma and ovarian pathology with good take home messages. Interesting ultrasound diagnosis and mapping of cervical cancer and useful information about scanning and diagnosis of uterine malformation. The IOTA methods and an introduction to their work was impressive and will be very useful especially as I passed the course test and the IOTA certification test that we took on the last day of the course.

I can highly recommend this very inspiring course to other colleagues with all topics aimed to make interested doctors better in ultrasound . Lill Valentin has done an excellent work and the overall atmosphere was pleasant and stimulating.

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