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Clinical visit to Belgium to learn more about advanced laparoscopic gynaecological surgery

At the Karolinska University Hospital we are constantly trying to improve our minimal invasive surgical approaches. We run one of the few centres for endometriosis in Sweden. This means that we have a number of patients in need for advanced minimal invasive surgery.

As a part of this aim of our clinic I was given the opportunity to visit Prof. Philippe van Trappen at St. Jan's Hospital in Bruges, Belgium. The hospital is one of the leading centres in advanced laparoscopic surgery in Europe.

The aim of the visit was to take part in and learn some of the frontier advances in laparoscopic and robotic surgery for benign and malignant gynecological disease.

Dr. Philippe van Trappen who hosted the visit has a particularly strong background in clinical surgical benign and malignant gynaecology. The visit was an intense 2-day clinical visit with both days spent entirely in the operating theatre. I had the possibility to acquire many new insights into both minimal invasive benign surgery such as robotic surgery and open techniques. This new knowledge will be directly implemented into our own clinic and spread to the other colleagues at the department.

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