Clinical visit at UCL Hospitals Gynaecological Cancer Centre (one week)

Cancer Research UK and UCL (University College London) Cancer Trials Centre is a research department within the UCL Cancer Institute and is part of the Cancer Research UK Centre at UCL. The Unit is well known for its experience and expertise in the development and delivery of clinical trials and research projects about cancer. The UCL Cancer Trials Centre has a very active trials portfolio, now running between 100-120 trials. The care of patients on trials is provided by hospitals and clinics in the UK and abroad.

UCL Cancer Institute is a regional gynaecological cancer centre is one of the leading units of medical cancer treatment in Europe and is covering a population of 2.4 million people. Medical cancer treatment, surgery and radiation is undertaken here. Based on my interest in medical treatment of gynaecological cancer, the purpose of this clinical visit was to observe their work and to improve my skills within this field. I had the opportunity to observe their work both with inpatients in the clinic, as well as with daycare of outpatients. I am especially grateful for attending Professor Jonathan A. Ledermann at the daycare unit, observing his impressing work with his patients, including the trial patients. I also participated in their interesting weekly multidisciplinary meeting where new and complex recurrent cases are discussed. In addition to observing their work, I also got a glimpse of how they organize the clinic and the clinical work.

I am very grateful for attending this short clinical visit and hope to come back another time. I wish to thank the NFOG fund for the financial support that made the visit possible.

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