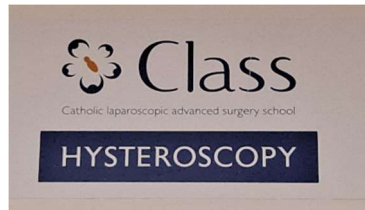


## Visit to Policlinico A. Gemelli Hospital Rome Italy 4.11.-8.11.2024



I had an opportunity to visit Policlinico A. Gemelli hospital in November, 2024. Gemelli clinic's hysteroscopic unit consists of three operation rooms. In two of these rooms 7-8 operative hysteroscopies and 4-5 diagnostic hysteroscopies was performed daily in each room; the third room was reserved for private patients. The first patients came at 8 am and the last ones at 5 pm. Doctors and nurses worked in two shifts. All operative hysteroscopies were done under general anaesthesia, but in diagnostic ones the patient is awoken.

Each operation room have equipment from Karl Storz. Most often 5mm resectoscope was used to remove polyps and to take endometrial samples. Bigger masses were removed with bigger bipolar or monopolar resectoscope. The unit has its own instrument care -unit. Operation rooms had ultrasound -equipment as well, and pictures from the ultrasound and from the operation itself were transmitted to special surgical report.

Doctor Catena should have hosted me, but unfortunately she was not available. Most of the time I followed Doctor Masciutto or doctor Zeloni. Doctor Masciutto is the head of the unit, and Doctor Zeloni is very experienced in hysteroscopies. I saw a lot of polyp removals and polypoid endometrium sampling/removal even among young patients. The use of progestins is not so common in south Italia than in the Nordic countries because of the religion. In Finland, most of operations because of polyps are done in an office setting, but it is always interesting to follow experienced surgeons working – you learn new prospects, different ways to work and some of these small things you can apply to your own way of working. Unfortunately, there were only few submucosal fibroid removals during my visit, but even though I learned new aspects and ways to operate when discussing with Doctor Zeloni.

I am glad I did this visit. The experience was expanding. You always learn new things to apply to your own work, but at the same time you realize what things are working well in your own clinic. I thank NFOG for the grant.

Sincerely,

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