

EUSEM YEMD Fellowship 2018

I am deeply honored to have been selected for the European Society for Emergency Medicine (EUSEM) 2018 Young Emergency Medicine Doctors (YEMD) Fellowship. As a natural extension of a lifelong journey of becoming emergency medicine specialist, it was a distinct pleasure to join San Carlos Clinical Hospital Center's Emergency Department Team in Madrid, Spain, for two weeks in late 2018. For the first time I have experienced working in such a positive and empowering clinical emergency medicine setting abroad, under the guidance and support of prolific educators/teachers. San Carlos Clinical Hospital Center's Emergency Department is state of the art Unit, with heavy critical emergency medicine load and ran under the guidance of Dr. Juan J. González Armengol, president of the Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine and Emergencies. Throughout the course of the Fellowship, a typical working day in the Emergency Department started at 8 a.m., with the morning handover of the patients admitted during the night shift. After the traditional handover, we proceeded with bedside evaluation of each patient, followed by discussion on differential diagnosis and various treatment modalities, all glued together with a clear decision making process. My routine was shifting between two levels of care: (1) 'First Medical Assistance Unit' (low or medium priority patients) and (2) 'Vital Emergency Area' (care of immediate life threatening conditions). I was exposed to a large volume of critical emergency medicine urgencies and complex cases, which enriched my experience of actively participating in the resuscitation and management of high acuity patients within the multidisciplinary team.

EUSEM YEMD Fellowship was a fantastic opportunity for gaining novel experience, to meeting interesting people and expanding professional network. Thank you to everyone who ensured the Fellowship was a success, especially to inspirational Dr. Luis Garcia-Castrillo, EUSEM president.

Sincerely,

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