



IBRA SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Program B

INFORMATION

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Scholarship Type: Program B

Scholarship time: From July 1 until July 29, 2022

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

The main goal was to discover different ways of working in the field of hand surgery and acquiring new knowledge to develop my professional activity. I now consider that practices at the Doctor's Office or at the Operating Room were the best way to achieve it.

The Hand Unit offers diagnosis and treatment for acute and chronic pathologies in the Veneto region. Its professional team (the Director, 6 Medical staff members, and 4 Orthopedic Residents) take care of surgical emergencies of the upper extremity, including microsurgery.

The daily activities are carried out at the Medical Office (follow-ups and cures), visiting tour of intake patients and at the Operating Room. In addition, the Hand Unit attends to pediatrics with congenital deformities.

The scheme during my 4 weeks rotation consisted in participation at medical offices, where patients were seen for the first time addressing diagnosis and possible treatments, as well as postoperative controls and follow-ups. Also, mornings visiting tours and observation of daily scheduled or emergency surgical procedures.

I observed an average of 6 daily surgical procedures from Monday to Friday, plus emergency surgeries. They included procedures with local and plexual anesthesia, open and minimally invasive techniques. Every 15 days I attended to the Children's Surgical Room where Dr. Corain performed congenital malformations treatment.

The most interesting procedures to my knowledge were the treatment of:

- The PIP osteoarthritis with the Swanson prosthesis.
- Advanced stages of Dupuytren's Disease in two stages: percutaneous and open.
- Intraarticular distal radius fractures with a hook plate.
- Simple and complex syndactyly, hypoplasia and thumb duplication in children.
- Kienböck's Disease with lunate prosthesis.

The most significant personal experience was the cultural and professional giving and taking with other colleagues. They made me feel very comfortable during my visit sharing professional and recreational activities. All surgeons were willing to explain the different cases we saw at the office and at the operating room. On the other hand, I was able to strengthen the local language.

I want to thanks IBRA for awarding the scholarship. It was a great experience, and I also want to thank Dr. Corain and his team for receiving me and making me feel like one of their team.

