

IBRA Scholarship “B” at Banner University Medical Center, Phoenix, US
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For a month, I had the opportunity to live in Phoenix, Arizona to hold my elective internship in Hand Surgery and Microsurgery with Dr. Scott Edwards (Director of the Hand, Upper Limb and Microsurgery Program at Banner Health Medical Center) and Dr Timothy Schaub (Head of the Department of Plastic Surgery, Hand and Surgery for St Joseph's Dignity Healthy Hospital).

The Banner University Medical Center is one of Arizona's largest medical centers and is classified as a Level I trauma center with more than 2,800 Level I trauma patients a year.

The Department for Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery covers the full spectrum of acute hand trauma and pathology, joint arthroplasty as well as congenital deformities, free tissue transfer and reconstructive surgery.

My weeks there were divided into clinic and surgery days, and I had the opportunity to discuss many different cases along with Dr. Edwards and Dr. Schaub. It was interesting to observe and learn about the similarities and differences between surgical approaches and treatments compared to Brazil.

I was able to witness several surgeries such as: metacarpal fracture, carpal arthroscopic, forearm tendon transfer, radio head fracture, extensor tendon reconstruction, proximal humerus fracture and many other.

I was very impressed by how well research and teaching are integrated into daily clinical life, turning morning conferences into an educational event.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the IBRA committee for giving me the opportunity to gain further experience and widen my horizon. This scholarship program has been of great personal benefit to my career.

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