

IBRA SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



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WRIGHTINGTON HOSPITAL

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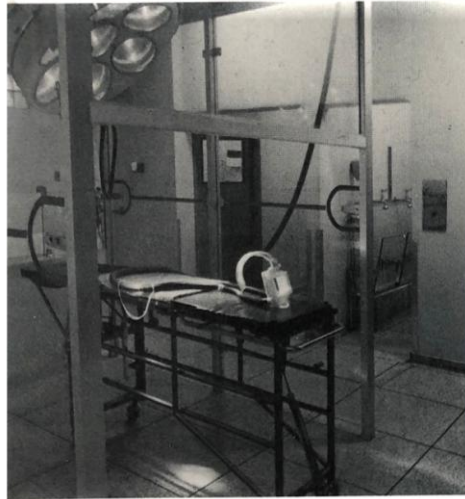
My name is Germán Valcárcel, I am an Orthopedic Hand Surgeon from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Finishing my two year fellowship in hand surgery at CLIMBA Hand Clinic I had the opportunity to do an IBRA Scholarship at the Wrightington Hospital, an

amazing Orthopedics and Trauma center, with a long history in joints replacements, that is why I have looked at the IBRA page and chose this center to improve my skills in replacements. They receive patients from all over the UK and from different parts of the world. Besides they have a great diversity of pathology.



In Wrightington, Sir John Charnley pioneered the clean air environment, transforming joint replacement surgery. His groundbreaking solutions for tackling infection created today's high standards.



I was supervised by Prof. Adam Watts and his team. They were all very kind with me and make me feel like home.



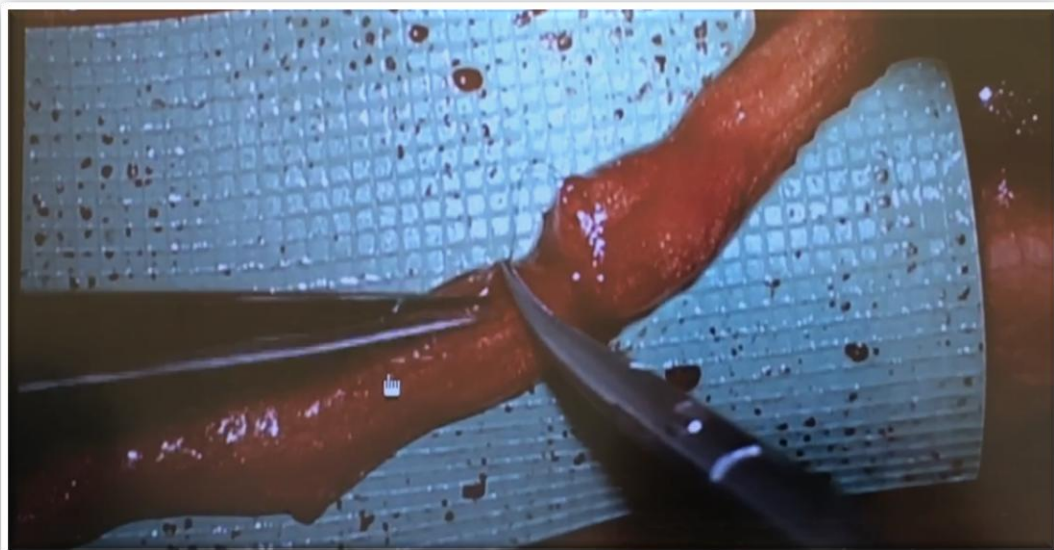
There is a complete upper limb ward with three theaters, working from 9 am up to the last case is finished, and that usually is at 5 pm. Between 8:30 am up to 8:50 am the surgeons perform a team brief, where they do a check list and comment how is going to be the procedure for each patient.

The Outpatient centre runs from 8 am to 5 pm, and it is right next to the surgery center. The patients that arrive at Wrightington Hospital are all elective cases, there is not emergency department. The emergency department is located in the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary in Wigan, about 20 minutes from the Wrightington Hospital, and

if these patients need a surgical treatment they are sent to Wrightington. Prof. Watts do clinics once a week in the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary on Tuesdays in the morning and then he goes to Wrightington to continue doing clinics in the afternoon. He has theaters in Wrightington Mondays and Thursdays all day. He gives you the freedom to choose where you want to stay according to your interests on the days he is not in Wrightington. You can choose to be with shoulder

surgeons, wrist and hand surgeons, microsurgery surgeons and plastic surgeons. Prof. Watts specialize in elbow surgery. All orthopedic surgeons are well predisposed to explain the cases they have and talk about various topics in which you are interested in their specialty, as well as their fellows.

Therefore, in this IBRA Training Center you can see many joint replacements from the shoulder up to the hand; arthroscopies of shoulder, elbow, wrist and thumb; upper limb trauma and a bit of plastic reconstruction and microsurgery.



I want to thank IBRA for granting me the scholarship, it was a great experience, and also thank Prof. Adam Watts and his team for receiving me and treating me as one of their team.