



EBJIS Travelling Fellowship 2023

During our fellowship, we had the opportunity to visit three leading centers in Europe that specialize in the field of bone and joint infections. Each center provided us with unique insights and hands-on experiences, significantly enriching our knowledge and skills in this area.

Center for Musculoskeletal Infections Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery, University Hospital Basel, Switzerland

Local host Martin Clauss





At the first center, we actively participated in various clinical activities, including morning meetings, team meetings and discussions, operating room, infection board meetings, ward rounds, and outpatient clinic. We also had the opportunity to observe the work in the infectious diseases department, where we engaged in the discussions and consultations of patients with complex infections. These multidisciplinary interactions allowed us to observe the close collaboration between orthopedic surgeons and infectious disease specialists in diagnosing and treating orthopedic infections.

**Department of Medical Microbiology and Infection Prevention,
University Medical Center Groningen, Netherlands**

Local host Marjan Wouthuyzen-Bakker



In the second center, our experience was equally enriching. We took part in morning meetings, surgical procedures, patient consultations, and outpatient services. One of the highlights of this center was observing joint consultations between infectious disease specialists and orthopedic trauma surgeons, where they provided specialized outpatient care. This integrated approach gave us a deeper understanding of how multidisciplinary teamwork is crucial for the effective treatment of bone and joint infections.



Orthopedic Hospital Valdoltra, Ankaran, Slovenia

Local host Rihard Trebse



At the third center, we were involved in similar activities such morning meetings, ward rounds, and outpatient clinic. In addition, we observed the daily operations of the entire medical team and assisted in surgeries, which was an invaluable hands-on experience. Through these activities, we gained a comprehensive understanding of the workflow, teamwork, and decision-making processes involved in treating orthopedic infections.

Across all the centers, we learned about their rich history and ongoing scientific research in the field of infectious diseases, with a particular focus on orthopedic and trauma-related infections. These discussions and practical experiences deepened our understanding of both the clinical and research aspects of managing complex infections.



Overall, this fellowship provided us with extensive knowledge and exposure to both the diagnostic and therapeutic strategies used in managing orthopedic and trauma-related infections. The practical tactics employed at these centers were immensely beneficial, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to observe and engage with these expert teams.

The experience and insights we gained from this fellowship are truly invaluable. We are profoundly grateful for the opportunity to learn from some of the best professionals in the field, and we look forward to applying this knowledge in our future work.



Sincerely,

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