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Fields of interest: Hematopathology and Molecular Pathology

My training was in a tertiary public hospital in Madrid, Spain, which centralizes many cases in Hematopathology from throughout the country. The cases were both from the hospital itself or were consult cases meant to be reviewed by the senior hematopathologists of the service, who were my supervisors.

Routinely, we reviewed all the cases with the residents and other trainees, presented them to the chief hematopathologists, ordered complementary tests as needed, and were responsible for obtaining any other kind of pertinent information for the management of the cases with the other professionals from the multidisciplinary team (oncologists, hematologists, pathologists, biologists, dermatologists and many others). In addition, there were several meetings with these professionals, where we could discuss interesting or difficult cases in terms of best diagnosis and therapy.

The FJD Service of Anatomic Pathology actively promotes scientific research. In respect to Hematopathology, my supervisors reserved substantial time of the daily routine for activities related to research, and many outstanding cases from the routine were selected for some kind of study: the workflow blended diagnosis and research. Besides, having in the Service many of the most important complementary molecular techniques - which are not available in most areas from my country - was valuable for my understanding of Hematopathology from this point of view.

The people were incredible to me. All the team from the lab - including residents, adjunct pathologists from other subspecialties, biologists, the research team, histotechnicians, secretaries, to name a few - treated me kindly and openly. I have perfected my "*portuñol*" and some might even say that I have learned some *castellano*, thanks to them.

I am especially thankful to Drs Miguel Angel Piris and Socorro Maria Rodríguez-Pinilla, who included me in various activities and taught me as much as possible. I will carry these experiences for my life.

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Warmly,
Pedro H. Pinto.



Left to right: Drs Juan Pablo de la Fuente (pathologist and trainee), me, Socorro Maria Rodríguez-Pinilla and Miguel Angel Piris.