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SOFT TISSUE PATHOLOGY, RENAL PATHOLOGY, DERMATOPATHOLOGY AND  
HEMATOPATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP AT BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL,  
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The fellowship included 4 weeks training in soft tissue pathology (dr. Ch. Fletcher), 6 weeks in renal pathology (dr. H. Rennke), 7 weeks in dermatopathology (dr. G. Murphy, dr. S. Granter, dr. T. Brenn) and 6 weeks in hematopathology (G. Pinkus, J. Aster, J. Hornick) department.

While participating at the daily sign-outs together with the expert of that field, fellows and residents I was able to get in touch with difficult and rare soft tissue consult cases from all the world, skin tumors and inflammatory diseases, renal pathology and hematopathology cases. It was valuable to hear the comment of the expert on each of these cases, to learn more about the approach to diagnostic problems. All the cases signed during the day were available for preview. During all rotations I had the desk with the microscope and the textbooks necessary for the reference. The access to the internet and library resources were also available. I had the opportunity to examine excellent teaching sets of soft tissue tumors and skin pathology, had an access to soft tissue cases archive. I improved my skills in immunofluorescence and electron microscopy during renal pathology rotation and got introduced to the use of flowcytometry and molecular diagnostics in hematopathology, experienced the value of novel immunohistochemistry markers in soft tissue and hematopathology. I also spent one week at dermatopathology department of the Pathology Services in Boston (dr. Harrist) and hematopathology department of the Northwestern University in Chicago (dr. Variakojis), participated on the case review and discussion during soft tissue pathology course (dr. Ch. Fletcher and dr. T. Krausz).

During the time at Brigham and women's hospital I had the possibility to attend all the teaching lectures and slide seminars ("Thyroid pathology" by dr. V. Nose, "Metastatic tumors to lymph nodes" by dr. S. Lester, "Cardiovascular pathology" by dr. Winters, "Pathology of the stomach" by dr. Srivastava, "Update on panniculitis" by dr. S. McNutt, "Update on IBD" by dr. Odze, "Update on electron microscopy" by dr. Nielsen, "Infectious diseases" by dr. von Lichtenberg, "Carney complex" by dr. Carney, Spleen pathology" by dr. Vergillio, "Mediastinal tumors" by dr. S. Suster, course of lectures on cytopathology by dr. E. Cibas, dermatopahtology by dr. G. Murphy, dr. S. Granter, dr. Th. Brenn and female genital tract pathology by dr. Ch. Crum, dr. Nucci), numerous clinicopathology conferences, case reports, reviews of the latest literature and presentations of the research projects.

Concluding, the fellowship at Brigham and Women's hospital was excellent opportunity to update

theoretical knowledge and improve diagnostic skills in most difficult areas of diagnostic pathology, get acquainted with modern techniques in pathology diagnosis and to maintain relations with the world's leading pathologists.

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