



Gordon Signy Fellowship Report

Institution: Brigham Women's Hospital, Boston, MA, USA.

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Period: June to July 2017.

My training in the Dermatology Department/ Mihm Cutaneous Pathology Consultative Service at the Brigham and Women's started in June of 2017 and was focused on difficult diagnostic dermatopathology lesions, especially melanocytic lesions. My supervisors in this period were Drs. Martin Mihm and Adriano Piris, both experts in dermatopathology and extraordinary people. I also had help from a research fellow, Labib R. Zakka, a very skilled and organized professional. I felt really welcome to the Service. In this period, I attended a daily sign-out routine with cases originated around the world, almost 20 to 30 cases per day. I experienced some of the most interesting and challenging cases from the US and from the rest of the world, which I had never seen before, including melanocytic lesions, hematological lesions, soft tissue lesions, adnexal tumors and inflammatory conditions. I also had the opportunity to see a large, very organized collection of classical dermatopathology cases, with usual characteristics and clue keys to make a correct diagnosis. In my free time, I read some recent papers about classification, diagnosis, management and treatment, sent to me by Dr. Piris and Labib Zakka.

In this period, I had the opportunity to follow them as they managed classical and challenging cases. It was an honor to have had the chance to accompany Dr. Mihm every day. Dr. Mihm is a true genius and an extraordinary person, and it was impressive to observe how he conducted the cases and to listen to some of his stories. I also had the opportunity to accompany Dr. Piris, who is such an amazing person and an extremely skilled pathologist, a real artist with words presenting an imposing skill in making a report. Dr. Piris and Dr. Labib also found time in their busy schedules to show me some great presentations about melanoma and AJCC recommendations.

I can ascertain that these two months were really important both to my career and to my personal life, and all the knowledge I could acquire will be applied so that I can perform better with patients in my country.

I would especially like to thank the World Pathology Foundation for supporting me in this incredible experience, and also for encouraging and supporting other young pathologists from different places to have the opportunity to stay in the most important and renowned Institution in the world and contribute to improve the field of pathology in developing countries. I'm certain that

the experience has made me a different person and a better pathologist, with more criteria and knowledge to manage my cases and help the patients to receive the correct treatment. I also thank Rodrigo Andrade very much for standing by me in this amazing experience. Finally, I'd like to thank all my colleagues for supporting me during this time.

Yours sincerely, Geise Paiva.

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Dr. Labib Zakka, Dr. Adriano Piris and Dr. Martin Mihm.