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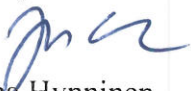
NFOG VISITOR PROGRAM – Sahlgrenska Universitetssjukhuset Göteborg

I am working at the gynaecologic oncology sector in Turku University Hospital and planning to get subspeciality in gynaecologic oncology. I took part in "2nd Sahlgrenska Meeting on Reproductive Medicine and Gynecology" in Göteborg 27-28 March, 2009. There was interesting topics considering treatment of endometrial carcinoma.

After the congress I had an opportunity to visit the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Kvinnokliniken) of Gothenburg University hospital via NFOG visitor program. The treatment of gynaecologic malignancies is organised differently in Sweden and Finland. In Sweden there is a special 2 year training program on tumor surgery. My host Dr. Pernilla Dahm-Kähler had undergone this program. Sahlgrenska sjukhuset is bigger than our hospital in Turku and there were clearly more cancer operations in a week than what we have. I spent five days at the operating rooms and participated in different operations including laparotomies for ovarian, cervical and endometrial cancer. The debulking procedures for ovarian cancer patients were good to see and I think I learned some new aspects on radicality. I also took part in vulvectomy and laparoscopic hysterectomy.

I also observed postoperative treatment of the cancer patients. It is interesting to see how things are done a bit differently in different places. We also had good conversations with Pernilla Dahm-Kähler on cancer patients treatment protocols.

Overall, the visit was inspiring. I want to thank the NFOG board for the financial support, which made it possible.



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