



SBNS Travel Bursary Report Form

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Head of Department:	Prof. Dr. Mohamed Amer
UK Host Unit:	Neurosurgery department, Queen Elizabeth University hospital, Glasgow
Supervising Consultant:	Mr. Calan Mathieson
Starting date:	19th of September 2024
Duration of attachment:	6 weeks
Trainee Report: 100 – 150 words	<p>It was a great opportunity for me to join the neurosurgery team at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow for 6 weeks.</p> <p>During my visit, I shadowed registrars and was involved in all their duties. I had the chance to attend most of the daily ward, neurocritical care rounds and handover morning meetings which were highly educational and helped me to discover the proper way to approach a case. I attended different MDTs which was a very good discussion platform between consultants from different specialities. I joined outpatient clinics where I learned more about patient education, counseling, documentation and the process of decision making. Also I had the chance to attend many teaching meetings and seminars which were very helpful, getting more knowledge in the field and more about surgical techniques, approaches, tips and tricks. Moreover, I shadowed registrars on their on-call duties, observing the referral system and how patients are prioritized.</p> <p>The most interesting part is attending operating theatres, observing more than 30 different operations in various neurosurgical subspecialties including transcranial and transsphenoidal procedures, spine, functional, oncology, vascular and trauma surgeries. I was impressed with the setup, equipments and safe practice measures. This gave me good experience to be exposed to the British school of neurosurgery and UK health care system. Hopefully I can deliver this experience to my junior colleagues at Egypt, and I will do my best to start some of the activities I saw here in my department.</p> <p>Finally I would like to express my deep gratitude to Mr Mathieson for his kind invitation. He is a great and respectful consultant. He didn't miss a chance to help me and to provide support and advice throughout my observership. Also It was an honor to meet all other consultants, registrars and healthcare givers in the hospital, they all welcomed me and never hesitated to guide me in th hospital. Many thanks to SBNS Board and Ms Turner for their help and trust in me to get the bursary. I sincerely appreciate it and will promote this bursary in Egypt, so more young Egyptian neurosurgeons can apply for it and get the chance to visit UK and learn more.</p>

**Supervisor's Comments:
100 – 150 words**

Mr Hassan is a neurosurgeon from Egypt who spent a 6-week observership under my supervision in our department after being granted the SBNS bursary.

During his stay with us he was enthusiastic about engaging in various aspects of our busy daily activities and excited to be exposed to the British school of neurosurgery feasible in Glasgow.

He has participated in our daily ward rounds, ITU rounds, handover case-based morning meetings, a wide range of neurosurgical procedures, MDTs in various subspecialties, outpatient clinics and shadowed our registrars on call and also attended many teaching meetings.

He was very well received by the whole department and been punctual, polite and pleasant to work with and I have no concerns recommending him and hosting future SBNS bursaries.

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