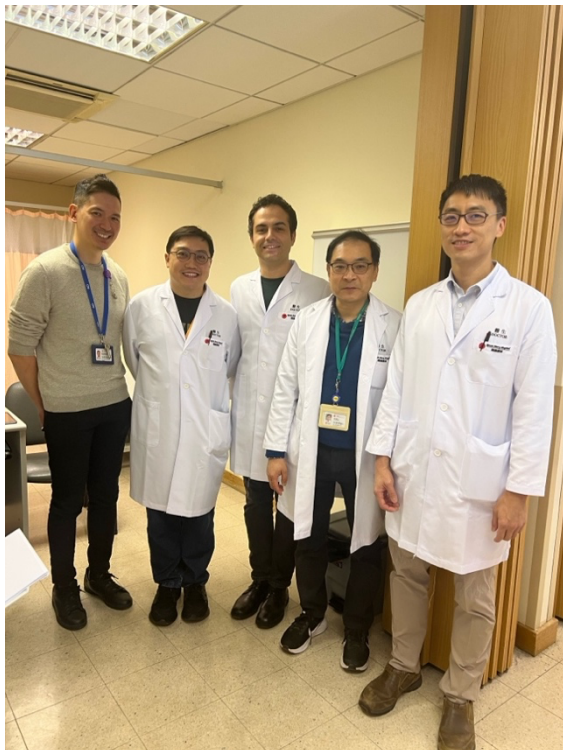


## **Fellow Report – Dr H Bilgehan Çevik (October-December 2024)**

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Division of Orthopaedic Oncology and Limb Salvage Surgery, Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology, the University of Hong Kong. I am truly thankful to Dr. HO, WY Kenneth, the Chief of Division, for his guidance and leadership, as well as to the remarkable team members, including Dr. LAM, Y Lee, Dr. YAU, CH Raymond, Dr. LEUNG, SM Anderson, Dr. LEUNG, Gabriel and Dr. CHEUNG, SC Kelvin, for their kindness, mentorship, and the knowledge they shared with me during my time there. Additionally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the HKU Department of Orthopaedics, as well as the administrative staff, operating theatre nursing staff at both Queen Mary Hospital and Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital, and the clinic nursing staff, all of whom played a significant role in making this fellowship a smooth and enriching experience for me.

During my 3-month clinical fellowship, I had the privilege of learning and developing in one of the highly regarded orthopaedic oncology units. This opportunity provided me with a wealth of knowledge not only in the specialized field of orthopaedic oncology but also in general orthopaedics. I acquired countless tips and surgical techniques not found in textbooks or journals but gained only through hands-on experience and close mentorship. Throughout the fellowship, I was exposed to the management of a wide range of cases, including complex bone, soft tissue and cutaneous tumors, which broadened my perspective and enhanced my clinical decision-making skills.



My schedule was divided between Queen Mary Hospital and Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital. The weekly schedule was both rigorous and rewarding, consisting of pre-operative meetings, department conferences, three days of surgeries, two to three days of outpatient clinics, and grand rounds. In addition to clinical duties, I participated in multidisciplinary meetings, which included discussions with pathology, radiology, and medical/radiation oncology during combined sarcoma meetings. These sessions highlighted the importance of a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to patient care, which is critical in managing complex oncology cases.

One of the most memorable highlights of my fellowship was attending the 6th HKU International Musculoskeletal Tumour Course. I was honored to participate as one of the moderators during the course, which allowed me to engage with and learn from globally renowned professors and experts in orthopaedic oncology. This experience not only expanded my professional network but also provided me with fresh insights and ideas that will undoubtedly influence my future practice.



Beyond the professional aspect, my time in Hong Kong allowed me to immerse myself in the local culture and experience life in one of Asia's most vibrant cities. I took the opportunity to travel around Hong Kong and explore its unique blend of tradition and modernity. From visiting iconic landmarks to tasting delicious local cuisine, my experiences outside the hospital enriched my understanding of the region and its people.

This fellowship has been exceptional and invaluable for me. I am incredibly grateful for the hospitality and support of the entire HKU orthopaedic oncology team, who made me feel welcome and valued throughout my stay.

Most importantly, I leave this fellowship with something far greater than professional knowledge; I leave with lifelong friendships. The connections I made will remain with me forever, and I hope to continue collaborating with them in the future.

I wholeheartedly recommend this fellowship program to anyone seeking to advance their knowledge and skills in orthopaedic oncology.

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