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Country visited	India
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Dates visited	04/02/19 01/03/19
Supervising doctor	Dr Subramania Iyer
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Please give an overview of what you saw / did (200 words max)

I got stuck in from day one attending clinics covering a range of head and neck cancers as well as facial reconstruction cases. I was in theatre on a daily basis and got to see numerous procedures including hair transplants, neck dissections, abdominoplasties and facial soft tissue and bone reconstruction from tumours. I scrubbed into many and got to assist in cases involving lymphoedema and large fibula flaps. This provided a great opportunity to see the range of plastic surgery procedures. The registrars and consultants were always keen to teach which proved invaluable in the complex procedures conducted.

I was also able to attend the national breast reconstruction meeting (BRASCON) with faculty from all over the world presenting and providing valuable insight into breast surgery and reconstruction. Through this, I recognised the lack of understanding Indian women had regarding the breast (697/4/07/1988/2955/12/998/22/2997/993/99

What problems did you encounter? (120 words max)

The language barrier was quite significant in the clinics as patients did know English but often preferred to speak the local language which meant that I was not able to pick up on much. The doctors would translate summaries for me when they could.

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