OMI Visiting Professorship
Laparoscopic Surgery

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As part of the OMI Visiting Professorship Program, Prof. Mesut Remzi and Dr. Cornelia Radon spent ten days at the Benjamin Mkapa Hospital in Dodoma, Tanzania. During that time, they held lectures and hands on workshops on Laparoscopic Surgery, consulted on how to conduct clinical research and publish scientific papers, and advised on professional development, based on their own professional experience. Approximately 24 participants, including theatre nurses, registrars, residents, general surgeons and urologists, were involved in these activities.

Prof. Remzi and Dr. Radon were the first to perform laparoscopic kidney and adrenal surgeries at the Benjamin Mkapa Hospital. In addition, they established laparoscopic orchiopexy for the pediatric population. Throughout the Visiting Professorship, the OMI Faculty saw 106 patients during clinic sessions. Furthermore, 18 patients were operated and all are well postoperatively.

Hands on workshops were conducted three times a week, and participants had the opportunity to learn about laparoscopic surgery in renal cyst, bilateral orchiopexy and adrenalectomy.

Outside of the busy hospital schedule, Prof. Remzi and Dr. Radon received the honour to plant a tree on the hospital ground as a sign of keeping memories and showing the love we have for life. The ceremonial tree planting was followed by a welcome dinner with words of appreciation from Dr. Alphonce Chandika, Executive Director of the Benjamin Mkapa Hospital.
“We were grateful to be with Prof. Remzi and Dr. Radon and being taught tips and tricks of laparoscopic surgeries. Furthermore, these were the first laparoscopic kidney and adrenal surgeries performed in our hospital, hence it will help to kick off the journey of laparoscopic surgeries.

We thank the team of laparoscopic and robotic surgery of the Austrian Society who brought Weck-clips and Clip-Applier for our urology department, which will help a lot.

General inputs on how to improve patient care and our clinical practice will help us grow.”

Dr. Remigius Rugakingila (OMI Fellow)
Urologist at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital

“It was more than a pleasure for us to go to Dodoma and work with this highly motivated young team under the supervision of Dr. Rugakingila. We received a great hospitality, which could not have been better. Clinically it was very exciting, we also had a teaching effect, because we have seen many diseases that are not common in Austria.

Director Dr. Chandika enabled, in cooperation with the OMI and the Medical University of Vienna, this perfect program and we really appreciated to work with all the different specialities (nurses, urologists, surgeons, radiologists). This was a good start for a lasting program in urology in Dodoma, Tanzania.”

Prof. Mesut Remzi & Dr. Cornelia Radon
Medical University of Vienna & Austrian Society of Urology
Ward round: One of the patients operated during the AAF-OMI Visiting Professorship at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital in Dodoma, Tanzania

Hands on workshop before going to real patients for operations.
It is a frustrating and humiliating experience for a surgeon to have the entire operating team watch on videoscreen a 15 minute struggle to tie a single square knot.


Lecture from Dr. Cornelia Radon
Radiology session at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital
Lecture on Laparoscopic Surgery by Prof. Remzi
Group picture of the OMI Visiting Professorship participants at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital