

FESSH Travel Award 2021

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Where?

- icatMA Hand, Elbow and microsurgery unit of ICATME (Institut Català de Traumatologia
 i Medicina de l'Esport)
- Universitary Hospital Dexeus, Barcelona
- Recognized as a center of excellence, awarded as the best orthopedic center in Spain.
- Its team is highly differentiated in the upper limb pathology, being innovative and dynamic and having an intense clinical and surgical activity.

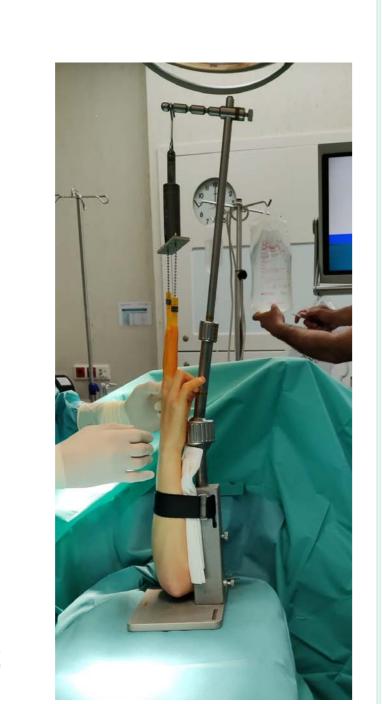
When?

From 1st to 30th of April, 2021

Why?

- To observe patients with varied hand and wrist musculoskeletal disorders and learn more about their examination and investigation.
- To improve my knowledge on how to take decisions about nonsurgical versus surgical treatment.
- Learn more about reconstructive surgery for restoration of function in the upper extremity
- To learn more about examination, investigation and treatment of distal radius fractures with or without associated injuries, as well as isolated carpal ligament injuries
- To get familiar with sports hand and wrist traumatology
- To have expanded learning opportunities as a surgeon in training.
- To improve my skills in arthroscopically assisted wrist surgery
- To assist different hand and wrist surgical techniques, such as microsurgery, arthroscopy, minimally invasive surgery, surgery of brachial plexus, congenital hand surgery, etc.
- To learn more on follow-up protocols, pre and post-op rehabilitation
- To exchange knowledge with professional colleagues and create possibilities for future, clinical and scientific exchange
- Study in a different health care system, exchange knowledge and create a platform for future, internacional collaboration
- To study in a different health care system, including how the private sector works in Spain
- To meet, receive and share knowledge with brilliant companions and thereby contribute to the further development of hand surgery in Europe.



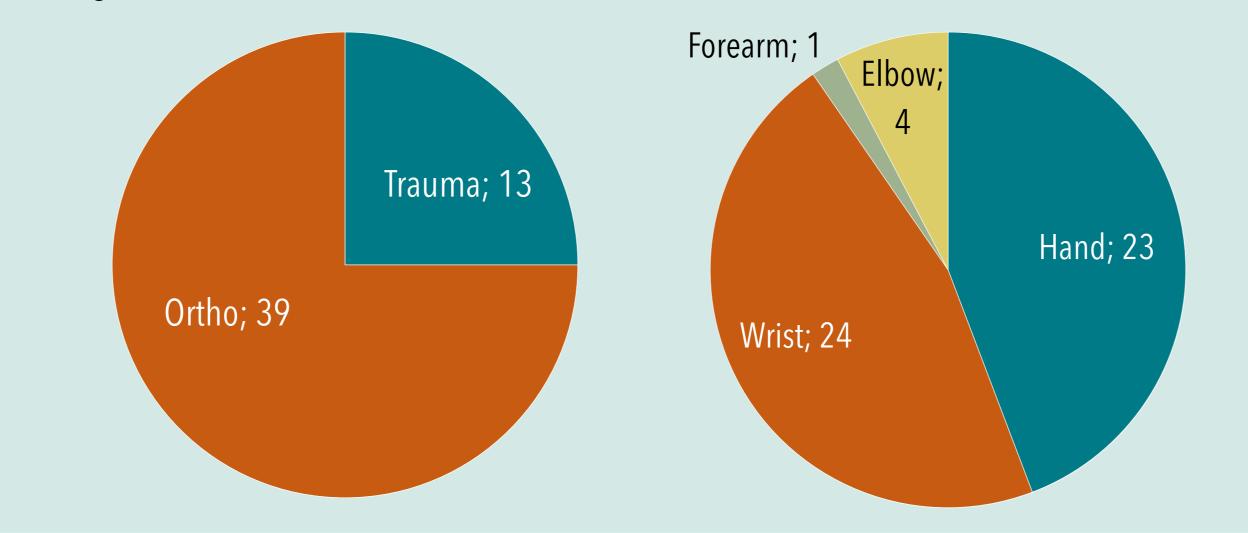


What?

390 specialized hand and wrist medical consultations:

- Participated in several first visits, patients in the early postoperative period and in the follow-up after surgery or rehabilitation
- Made the orthopedic physical examination and recording of observations.
- Discuss clinical cases and evaluate the diagnostic and imaging exams
- Participate in wound dressings, immobilizations, splints and casts.

52 surgeries:



Clinical Case 1

42 y.o. man; Climber; Finger A2, A3 and A4 pulley rupture

Pulley reconstruction with Palmaris Longus









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Clinical Case 2

58 y.o. man; **Wrist OA** with previous first row carpectomy and resurfacing capitate impant

Total wrist replacement









Clinical Case 3

71 y.o. man; 5th metacarpal head fracture

ORIF with intramedullary cannulated screws









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