



FESSH Travel Award 2023 Canniesburn Plastic Surgery Unit & The Scottish National Brachial Plexus Injury Service



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Background

With the kind support of Prof. Andrew Hart and Mr Thomas Reekie as hosts and local support from Prof. Lukas Prantl and Dr. Andreas Gohritz, I applied for and was awarded a FESSH Travelling Fellowship to visit the the Scottish National Brachial Plexus Injury Service of the Canniesburn Plastic Surgery Unit in Glasgow, Scotland. The visit took place between the 30th of October and 11th of November 2023.

Objectives

- Adult brachial plexus palsy / obstetric brachial plexus palsy
- Peripheral nerve surgery
- Elective and reconstructive hand surgery

Fellowship schedule

- Daily ward rounds
- Outpatient clinics (discussion of indications for planned cases)
- Multiple surgeries (i.e. Adult brachial plexus explorations / reconstruction, peripheral nerve tumors, proximal humeral derotation osteotomy, latissimus dorsi to teres major tendon transfer)



Personal experience

- The service is based in several hospitals within the Glasgow city area. I had the chance to visit the *Queen Elizabeth University Hospital* as well as the *Canniesburn Royal Infirmary*
- The team consists of highly experienced hand and plastic surgeons who encompass the entire spectrum of hand and plastic surgery
- The team cultivated a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making the visit highly enjoyable not only from a professional perspective
- It was particularly enlightening for me to accompany Prof. Hart in the care of complex nerve reconstructions and to discuss personal experiences in the care of complex hand injuries with Mr Reekie

Conclusion

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire Plastic Surgery Unit in Glasgow and the FESSH for this wonderful personal experience, both professionally and personally. I hope the connections will endure for a long time and lead to a lasting exchange in hand surgery.

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Dear Sir/Madam

this is to confirm that Silvan Klein attended the plastic surgery service of the Canniesburn Royal Infirmary Plastic Surgery Unit in Glasgow, Scotland between 30th of October and 11th of November 2023 as a participant of the 2023 FESSH Travel Fellowship program.

During his visit Silvan Klein participated in the daily clinical routine such as ward rounds, outpatient clinics, as well as an observer in multiple elective and reconstructive surgeries of the upper limb.

The clinical focus during this visit was on:

- Adult brachial plexus palsy / obstetric brachial plexus palsy
- Peripheral nerve surgery
- Elective and reconstructive hand surgery

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Thomas Reekie'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

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