

SIU Scholarship: Dr. Amogu Kalu Eziyi

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I want to thank the SIU for the opportunity to participate in their scholarship training program. I started my training at the Mansoura Urology and Nephrology Center, Egypt, on July 1, 2007, and I was involved in various academic, clinical, and research activities.

From 8:30-9 A.M., Sunday to Thursday, we had a morning review. During the review, cases that were newly admitted to the center and challenging cases that were already in the ward were discussed and management plans were outlined. On Thursdays, from 10-11 A.M., we had a clinical conference, where complex cases that were being managed at the center were presented and discussed.

On Monday evenings, from 8-10 P.M., we had a journal club meeting. Recent findings and published advances were discussed. Comprehensive lectures on a variety of topics were delivered by lecturers at the center on Wednesday evenings, from 8-10 P.M. Some of the topics covered included erectile dysfunction, female urology, lower urinary tract obstruction in children, and lasers in urology.

Most of my clinical activities occurred in the theater. I observed or assisted with operations such as open pyeloplasty (12), PCNL (7), partial nephrectomy (4), simple nephrectomy (10), laparoscopic pyeloplasty (7), adrenalectomy (open and laparoscopic; 5), renal transplantation (20), radical nephrectomy (10), anatomic nephrolithotomy (2), ureteric reimplantation (3), ureterolithotomy (5), radical cystectomy and diversion (ileal conduit or W-neobladder; 15), TURBT (10), open prostatectomy (2), radical prostatectomy (1), male urethral sling procedure (4), TVT (3), TOT (3), hypospadias repair (26), urethrocutaneous fistulae closure (11), and fulguration of posterior urethral valves (3).

I visited the radiology department often to participate



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in ultrasound-guided prostatic biopsy, percutaneous nephrostomy insertion, and renal angioembolization for arteriovenous fistula. I was involved in some research and wrote on the changing pattern in the management of emphysematous pyelonephritis and case reports of male urethral polyps. These manuscripts are being reviewed and will soon be sent for publication. I am also involved in an ongoing investigation of the incidence of glove injuries during open surgery.

The members of the center were welcoming and cooperative, and I gained significant experience during the program. Upon my return, I wish to effect positive changes in the urological practices at my hospital and improve the treatment options provided to patients. I will work with the hospital's directors to consider funding avenues for the procurement of the basic equipment required to practice what I have learned. I also plan to teach as many doctors as possible the techniques I learned during my training.

The program considerably improved my urological practice, teaching ability, and clinical research acumen. My surgical skills in various open urologic pro-

cedures like pyeloplasty, partial nephrectomy, simple and radical nephrectomy, and ureteric reimplantation also improved; I successfully managed a patient with postprostatectomy urinary incontinence using the male urethral sling procedure that I learned during the training. Moreover, my methods and approaches to lower urinary tract diagnostic and therapeutic procedures have been honed.

My major regret is that I have not gained more experience in renal transplant surgery and laparoscopic urologic procedures. This is because of the poor funding of health care in general and the lack of facilities required for these procedures, but I hope things will soon improve at my place of work.

Abbreviated CV. Dr. Amogu Kalu Eziyi was born on October 20, 1969, in Asaga, Nigeria. He received the

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