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Ethicon Grant/Fellowship Report Form

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| Grant Holder Name | Stephen Ryan |
| Brief biography, including qualification and year of graduation (no more than 100 words) | Qualifications: FRCS (ORL-HNS), PhD, MB BCH BAO, BSc Graduated from Medicine, UCD, in 2007. I have completed Higher Surgical Training in Otolaryngology, obtained my Fellowship exams in 2014 and awarded CCST in June 2016. I have a PhD in an ENT related thesis and a Bachelor of Science degree. |
| Title of Project/Fellowship | Head and Neck Fellowship, Melbourne, Australia |
| Year of Award: Commencement Date: Conclusion Date: | 2016 1/2/2016 5/2/2017 |

Summary (no more than 250 words)

My Fellowship involved specialised surgical training dealing with Head & Neck pathology, both benign and malignant, with specific interest in the clinical & surgical management of complex Head & Neck Cancers. This was carried out under the supervision of Mr Adnan Safdar and Mr Neil Vallance at Monash Health, Melbourne, Australia.

Monash Health is unique in that it is the only major health service in Victoria treating both children and adults for diseases of the ear, nose and throat. One of the main subspecialties within the ENT unit is the care of patients who develop cancers of the Head and Neck. The Head & Neck Cancer Services at Monash Health is an extensive collaboration between the ENT unit and other specialties including Plastic Surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dental Surgery, Audiology and Peter McCallum Cancer Institute. The ENT unit of Monash Health has a very large patient base, almost one third of the population of Victoria. Approximately 8,400 patients are seen through the outpatient services and in excess of 3000 operations are performed across 4 sites of the network per annum.

Such volume and complexity of surgery performed in the unit provided me with a significant and valuable learning curve opportunity in the surgical management of head and neck cancers. In addition, regular multidisciplinary meetings, fellow-lead outpatient clinic weekly and teaching duties provided excellent educational experience further enhancing my clinical decision making.

Grant Report (in the region of but no more than 500 words)

Objectives of Project/Fellowship:

The main objective was to gain training in the clinical and surgical management of complex Head and Neck Cancer cases involving a multidisciplinary team setting in a major cancer care centre.

Did you achieve these objectives?

Yes

In your opinion, what is the value of your award to:

(a) Yourself

The large volume and complexity of surgery performed during my Fellowship year provided me with a significant and valuable learning curve in the surgical management of head and neck cancers. In addition, regular multidisciplinary meetings, fellow-lead outpatient clinics weekly and teaching duties provided further excellent educational experience enhancing my clinical decision making abilities. This Fellowship training has instilled in me many of the necessary attributes required to now undertake a consultant position in Ireland.

(b) The institution in which you worked

As the Head and Neck Fellow, I was given the responsibility as lead supervisor and mentor to junior trainees regarding the day-to-day management of ENT patients, orchestrating a busy weekly multidisciplinary team meeting and providing teaching to juniors throughout the year. I feel I provided a valuable contribution to the Institution during my year spent there through these various roles.

(c) In the future for Irish patients

Having completed this Fellowship, I feel I have received excellent training in management of complex Head and Neck pathologies. Currently more than 600 new cases of Head and Neck cancer are diagnosed each year in Ireland. I hope to utilise my fellowship training to further advance the provision of this service in Ireland.