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I spent nearly 2 weeks under the supervision of Dr. Pedro Berjano at Istituto Ortopedico Galeazzi-GSpine 4 in Milan, Italy.

This was a unique experience for me to observe such a clinic that has been carried out by both orthopedic surgeons and neurosurgeons with synergy.

There are meetings that was participated by all the team on Mondays biweekly. Previously operated patients are evaluated and surgical plans of the subsequent patients are made. Adult spinal deformity cases constitute the most of the patients.

From Tuesday to Saturday, there are various surgeries including interbody fusion (ALIF, TLIF, XLIF), posterior instrumentation (open and percutaneous), spinal osteotomies (Ponte, SPO etc.) and microdiscectomies.

Fellows have the chance to scrub in and observe the surgery very closely. GSpine 4 team is very used to fellows from all around the world and host them very well.

I want to thank to Dr.Berjano and his team -GSpine 4- for their hospitality and good attitude that made my fellowship more enjoyable.