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I am currently pursuing a Clinical Fellowship in Oncoplastic Breast Surgery at Ipswich hospital, United Kingdom. My prior training was in General Surgery and Surgical Oncology at the National Guard Hospital, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The two-year program is ideal to guide candidates through the concepts, especially for those surgeons having basic training in breast surgery or surgical oncology.

I have a great team of clinical and educational supervisors they set a clear plan for the two years and they supervise each step in my training.

I have learnt the surgical techniques of skin-sparing and nipple-sparing mastectomy, implant-based whole breast reconstructions, autologous partial breast reconstructions using perforator flaps, reduction mammoplasty, lipomodelling, nipple reconstruction and tattooing; something which is beyond cancer treatment but equally important. Also, I have had good hands-on experience with breast-conserving surgery, Seed-guided breast conservation surgery and sentinel node biopsy. Various reconstructive options to be considered for each patient and treatment planning are taught as well. The Multidisciplinary meetings have provided an excellent opportunity to keep up with the current evidence in breast cancer and decision-making. As an oncoplastic fellow, I am in charge of oncoplastic tumour board meetings preparation every week, oncoplastic breast surgeons and oncologist attend these jointly.

The fellowship also has good scope for clinical research and audits. I have been involved in service evaluation audit, retrospective clinical studies and teaching medical student in clinic. This has benefited me in the form of presentations at national and international meetings and research publications. A comfortable work atmosphere, intense high-volume elective work with no on-call commitment And Managing clinics is has a good role to play in developing communication skills and patient counselling, things that are of benefit in the long-term.

To conclude, there is a lot to learn and take back home. I will be able to provide options of partial and immediate breast reconstruction to breast cancer patients when indicated, a huge psychological benefit as compared to a mastectomy. I also look forward to training general and breast surgeons from Saudi in oncoplastic techniques, in collaboration with my colleagues in the United Kingdom.