

Diagnostic Radiology: Department of Radiation Sciences

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ASNR Visiting Professorship: Johannesburg, South Africa 9 – 13 June 2015

Professor Wade Wong

It was an honour and privilege to receive Professor Wade Wong to our department during the period 09 through to 13 June 2015.

Professor Wade's responsibilities and contribution included the following:

He delivered a series of very informative lectures every morning between 07.30 and 09.30, Monday to Thursday in our main lecture hall, in the department of Radiology, Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital. Two lectures were delivered daily except on Wednesday where three lectures were delivered in two sessions, morning and afternoon. A total of 9 quality lectures were delivered.

All residents and consultants from our teaching complex attended these lectures. Everyone was impressed by the quality as well as the valuable insights provided. We all found Professor Wong to be very enthusiastic and he presented the material in a very captivating and interesting fashion. We all enjoyed his lectures.

On Friday morning the lecture session was replaced by a quiz session where Professor Wong took the residents on cases unknown discussions. Our senior residents preparing for the board examinations found this particularly helpful.

His daily routine entailed alternating between our two main teaching hospitals namely, the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic and the Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospitals. He was hosted by the Academic Head of Department, Adjunct Professor Victor Mngomezulu at the Charlotte Maxeke Hospital and Dr. Tebogo Hlabangana, the Clinical head of department at the Chris Hani Baragwanath academic hospital.

The daily duties were divided between reporting sessions where professor Wong spent time with residents on the floor reporting on interesting Neuroradiology cases. He also spent time with us in the Interventional suite providing very valuable advice during neuro interventional procedures.

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We are very grateful that he helped us introduce new services in the pain management field such as coeliac nerve block in patients with pancreatic carcinoma at a very busy Hepatobiliary intervention unit at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic hospital as well as Balloon Kyphoplasty in patients with vertebral body collapse from our Oncology unit at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic hospital.

Professor Wong's visit was all in all very fruitful. We have had very good reviews from our residents. We found him to be a very keen, amenable and easily approachable teacher. We all enjoyed interacting with him both academically and socially.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Radiological Society of South Africa and the ASNR for having made this visit by such an excellent and respected academic to our department. We look forward to more similar initiatives in the future.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Mngomezulu', written over a white rectangular background.

Dr. Victor Mngomezulu

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