

John Buckingham Travelling Fellowship Scholarship

Tarik Sammour attended the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in Chicago from 4 to 8 October 2015



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I would like to thank the RACS Board of Surgical Research for selecting me to be the recipient of the John Buckingham Travelling Scholarship.

I travelled to the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Clinical Congress in Chicago from 4 to 8 October 2015, and at

the time I was well into my second year of Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSSANZ) colorectal fellowship.

The main goal of my travel itinerary was to meet with my future colleagues at the MD Anderson Cancer Center where I was planning to do a third fellowship year. Several of the faculty were chairing sessions in colorectal surgery and presenting research papers, and this was an excellent opportunity to meet them and learn more about their clinical and academic interests.

The congress itself was a great learning experience. I attended didactic lectures and several research presentations delivered by a variety of experts in their fields. I also caught up with the latest advances in the management of complex colorectal conditions.

On a more social note, I had a great experience in Chicago – a city I had not had the pleasure of visiting previously, and was able to attend a couple of the excellent social events organised by the ACS.