

ESVS TRAVEL GRANT REPORT

The travel grant I had the honor to be awarded by the European Society of Vascular Surgery afforded me the privilege of collaborating closely with the esteemed Prof. Gerard O'Sullivan at Galway University Hospital in Ireland over a transformative three-week period in September and October 2023. Prof. O'Sullivan, a globally recognized Interventional Radiologist, is renowned for his groundbreaking contributions in the emerging field of invasive treatment for lower-limb venous disorders.

This immersive internship aimed to elevate my endovascular technique and enrich my understanding of venous diseases, with a specific focus on ilio caval acute deep vein thrombosis and ilio caval occlusion endovascular treatment.

The experience surpassed all expectations, allowing me to shadow Prof. O'Sullivan and his team in urgent on-call duties and intricate elective procedures. Urgent cases delved into acute iliofemoral deep vein thrombosis, providing firsthand exposure to various endovascular thrombectomy devices and insightful discussions on their merits and drawbacks. A standout elective case involved ilio caval reconstruction in a young, athletic patient with chronic post-COVID venous occlusion, where a double barrel stent configuration spanning from the external iliac veins to the supra-hepatic inferior vena cava was employed.

Prof. O'Sullivan's commitment to both professional and personal values deserves commendation. As a mentor, he not only shared captivating cases but also fostered an environment that made me feel at home. I was granted access to a wealth of past clinical cases and information, proving indispensable in deepening my knowledge and expanding my skills to navigate complex scenarios.

This transformative experience, made possible by the ESVS travel grant, has not only elevated my technical prowess but has also enriched my perspective, setting the stage for a future where I can contribute significantly to the field.

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