2022 Vietnam Neurosurgery Bootcamp

Over a decade ago, in 2010, the Neurosurgery Bootcamp became a mandatory requirement for all Neurosurgery residents in the USA. The Bootcamp was the result of input from the Society of Neurological Surgeons and other neurosurgical societies in the USA – an effort to provide new residents with an overview experience of basic neurosurgery. The first international Neurosurgery Bootcamp was held in Bolivia in 2015; it consisted of a day of lectures by national and international senior neurosurgeons followed by a day of hands-on practical experience using mannequins and simulators.

Several individual members of the WFNS recently participated in the first Neurosurgery Bootcamp to be held in Vietnam. The Foundation for International Education in Neurological Surgery (FIENS) participated as a co-sponsor in the 2022 Vietnam Neurosurgery Bootcamp along with the DaNang University Medical School and the Henry Ford Health Team, with generous sponsorship from Medtronic and Storz.

Dr. Dempsey joined several members, including Dr. Jack Rock, who was the primary organizer of the bootcamp. The format was similar to previous international Neurosurgery Bootcamps – a lecture day followed by a hands-on day. The bootcamp in DaNang served approximately 80 students, including faculty, residents, and medical students, and was supported by nine international and approximately 20 Vietnamese faculty representing the major medical centers in Hanoi, DaNang, and Ho Chi Minh City. The support of the DaNang Medical School was invaluable; the bootcamp took place at the excellent new medical school facilities in DaNang.

The bootcamp consisted of high-level discussions by international and local faculty followed by hands on experience by the participants in craniotomy, microsurgery, endoscopy, as well as standard positioning, ICP monitoring, and lumbar puncture. It was particularly encouraging to see the enthusiasm of the Vietnamese medical specialists and their desire to continue such teaching well into the future. Drs. Dempsey and Rock were joined by Dr. Brandon Rocque and FIENS Board Member Dr. Richard Moser.

Prior to the bootcamp, Drs. Rocque and Dempsey journeyed to Hanoi and worked at the National Cancer Hospital there with their neurosurgical team seeing patients and operating. We sincerely hope that as COVID-19 clears, opportunities like the DaNang Bootcamp to expand basic neurosurgical education in other regions of the world will become a major focus of Global Neurosurgery.

A couple of photos from the DaNang Bootcamp:
Jack -

Would you be offended if I substituted the group photo for the one of you “curing meningiomas”?

Russ

On Saturday, December 24, 2022, 03:04:30 AM PST, Rock, Jack <jrock1@hfhs.org> wrote:

The whole bootcamp crew!

Happy holidays

Sent from my iPhone

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