Singapore doctor benefits from visit

Thoon Chiat Oh, MD, traveled from This home country of Singapore to be the 2015 ASDS International Preceptee, shadowing John A. Carucci, MD, PhD, at New York University's Langone Dermatologic Surgery & Cosmetics Associates.

Dr. Oh has a keen interest in dermatologic surgery, especially in the areas of Mohs Micrographic Surgery and skin cancers in immunocompromised

His visit was coordinated through the International Preceptorship Program, wherein one Preceptee is chosen each year to spend time learning clinical and surgical techniques from an ASDS member in the United States or Canada.

"My goal in this visit was to observe the set-up of a skin cancer practice as well as skin cancer surgery," Dr. Oh said. "In addition, Dr. Carucci has a wealth of experience in transplant dermatology, an area of great interest to me."

During his visit, Dr. Oh began his day with surgery cases, primarily Mohs, in the morning, followed by consult cases in the afternoon. He said he learned a lot about lab processing of tissue samples, defect closures and more.

"Dr. Carucci is a source of inspiration for his patients as well as his colleagues and juniors," Dr. Oh said. "He displays excellent bedside manner, always has a broad smile to brighten the day and he never fails to be a listening ear for his patients. He is also an excellent mentor to both his surgical fellow and his research fellows."



John A. Carucci, MD, PhD (left), taught Choon Chiat Oh, MD (right), of Singapore, about Mohs Micrographic Surgery and other areas of interest through the ASDS International Preceptorship Program.

Dr. Oh called his international preceptorship visit "a valuable and rewarding experience." ■

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