

# Junior Faculty Exchange Program Reflection:

## Gastrointestinal Surgical Oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

My visit was focused on all three aspects of my professional mission –

1. Clinical Surgical Oncology
2. Pancreatic Cancer Research
3. Surgical Education

I observed how robotic approaches to complex pancreaticobiliary surgery affect and improve surgical care of complex GI cancer patients.

Meeting with leading surgeon-scientists sparked new ideas relevant to my research and led to new professional connections within the pancreatic biology, pancreatic cancer, and tumor immunology fields.

Speaking to Dr. Billar about how he supports the talented trainees at UMPC provided me with new insights into the development of the next generation of basic and translational surgeon-scientists.



### In Summary



My visit to UPMC provided me with an unparalleled exposure to the cutting edge of clinical pancreatic surgery and research. I made many new connections and reenergized long-standing relationships that will continue to support my growth as junior faculty.



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