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American College of Physicians (ACP) has a program called the International Fellowship Exchange Program (IFEP). Each year this program provides opportunities for early-mid career physicians, and residents from outside the United States and Canada to gain expertise in a focus area relating to the prevention, diagnosis, and/or management of clinical problems in Internal Medicine and subspecialties. The selected candidates would work with host in U.S. or Canada for four weeks and have an opportunity to attend the ACP annual meeting. ACP has expanded the program and collaborated with Royal College of Physicians on Thailand (RCPT).

The program’s goals are:
• To allow early and mid-career internists to participate in short-term fellowships under the mentorship of senior faculty in academic medical institutions in the U.S. and Canada.
• To allow fellows to participate in ACP’s Internal Medicine meeting in order to benefit from the educational courses and activities of the meeting and share experiences with other fellows.
• To enable program fellows to acquire updated knowledge and skills in order to improve the delivery of care in their country.

In 2017-2018, two third-year Internal Medicine residents were chosen to attend ACP-RCPT IFEP program. As a representative for this program, I had an opportunity to get experience in one-month clinical fellowship observation with Dr. Olivera-Martinez in Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at University of Nebraska Medical Center. Additionally, I attended the ACP Internal medicine meeting 2018 in New Orleans during April 19-21, 2018.

Regarding the valuable experience, I have learnt the clinical practice in another different environment, which enhances a further insight in internal medicine. Moreover, I have had an opportunity to meet international friends and create a connection with other international medical schools.

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