

The Awesome Ophthalmology Externship
in Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital of Seoul National University, Seoul-South Korea



(Me (front left), Professor Kang Moon Seo (next to me) and all of his resident, interns and students)

The first thing that I would like to say is Thank you so much for this gold opportunity that was given to me. Thank you ISVO team for the scholarship and the subscription journals, Thank you Professor Kang Moon Seo and VMTH's team in SNU who gave me knowledge and experience during the externship, and thank you everyone who had a part of this opportunity. You do not know how this scholarship is really precious to me. I was a fresh graduate when I was selected as a winner of this scholarship, I was surprised, happy but a little bit worried because I knew that it would be hard at the beginning to more focus in the veterinary ophthalmology field. My basic knowledge in veterinary ophthalmology was so bad.

Coming from a country without any ophthalmologist resident is really hard to understand about veterinary ophthalmology. However, that inspired me to keep learning about it. Before the externship in Korea, I did an apprenticeship in Drh. Cucu Sajuthi's Clinic. She is one of the senior veterinarians in Indonesia who focuses on learning about ophthalmology. I learned many cases about ophthalmology in her clinic. And then, I kept learning ophthalmology from books and journals by myself.

During the externship, I have learned many things from the basic until the advanced part of ophthalmology in veterinary from Prof. Seo and his team. They taught me how to use ophthalmology veterinary instruments like slit lamp, biomicroscope, binocular, indirect

ophthalmoscope, Electroretinograph, tonometri, and ultrasound biomicroscope. They showed me how to do ophthalmology examination to make a diagnose according to the using STT strip, flourescens test and seidel test, doing manace respons, dazzle respon, palpebrae respon, pupillary light refleks, retroillumination and obstacle test. Even Prof. Seo taught me and his students about histology of fundus, examination of fundus, introduced us which are normal and abnormal, and kind of fundus in some species. They also taught me about the ophthalmology treatment from the medicine and some technique like do debridment, punctate keratotomy, thrid eyelid flap, chemical ablation using cidofovir, and tarsoraphy. In the end of duty he and his resident discussed to me about their cases progress, pathophysiology of ophthalmology diseases, how the medicines works, and the detail technique of surgeries or treatments for some diseases. We talked about cataract, cornela ulcer, uveitis, glaucoma, lens luxation, retinal detachment, SARD and etc.

Everyday I followed their daily activity like practice in clinic, surgery, journal club, seminar, lecture and their research. On Monday they arranged all of ophthalmic surgeries schedule in this day but if there is an emergency case and need to perform surgery in the other day, that will be available. I watched them doing the surgeries like cataract surgery, retinopexy, superficial keratotomy, eviceration, enucleation, conjungtival flap transposition and conjungtival graft. Every Tuesday, we have schedule of journal club that discussed about recent researches. For clinic practice schedule is available for Wednesday and Friday.

Professor Seo allowed me to attended the seminar at Korean Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology 6th Annual meeting as free because actually to attend that seminar we have to pay. He said that “you do not have to pay for the seminar because you are my student” and i feel compassion if I remember that thing. He did not only taught me about ophthalmology but he also inspired and encourage me to study more about ophthalmology. That’s why I really want to upgrade my knowledge (especially) about vet ophthalmology.

Being inspired by Professor Kang Moon Seo, and Drh. Cucu Sajuthi as my idols, I want to be one of the pioneer of Ophthalmologist in Indonesia. Now, I will looking for the other opportunities to learn about ophthalmology more maybe by follow some seminars, conferences and workshop. One thing that i realize is nothing as hard as i think if I just want to keep trying to do it. Hopefully, someday I can catch my dream to be an ophthalmologist of veterinarian in Indonesia.

Anyway, without forget kindness of all of resident and intern in Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital of SNU and students who make my externship become easier than i expected before, and they help me for everything. Thank you so much.