

As a visiting medical student from the American University of Beirut, I stayed in the Neurosurgical Simulation Research Center between May and August of 2013.

In the center, I enjoyed and benefited from collaborating with Neurosurgical residents, fellow medical students, biomedical and mechanical engineers, and world-class staff neurosurgeons (like Prof. Del Maestro).

I have been able to participate in research studies and trials about simulation in neurosurgery and to work with experts, professors and PhD candidates from McGill and other top Canadian Universities. I had the pleasure to meet other international scholars and staff surgeons that were visiting the center and participating in our research studies as well.

I also had the opportunity to practice and train my psychomotor and surgical skills on the neurosurgical simulation machines and prototypes that we possess in the center; I practiced daily!

In the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital, I have been able to attend Neurology Grand rounds and Neurosurgery Grand Rounds every week. I have also been able to attend simulation consortiums at the National Research Council, the Neurology Research Day and the Neurosurgery Research Day too.

Prof. Del Maestro is a world-class researcher and scholar. It has been of great pleasure and considerable honor to be mentored by him. His recommendations and advice will always enrich and enlighten my career and personality.

My expectation, since the start, was to acquire as much knowledge and experience as possible. Eventually, my stay here in the center exceeded my expectations as I have been warmly welcomed and professionally guided.

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