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Dear All,

During December 2013 I attended my training in the framework of International Exchange Programme at the Institute of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition of Schneider Children`s Medical Center of Israel. I was supervised by Professor Raanan Shamir who organized a plan of my training according to my field of interest. During my stay I participated two days per week in Pediatric digestive endoscopy. It was a great opportunity for me to see PEG in small children, esophageal balloon dilatation and esophageal varices sclerotherapy etc. I participated also in parenteral nutrition round one day per week where I saw interesting cases such as chronic diarrhea with intestinal failure, severe inflammatory bowel diseases, multivisceral transplanted patients and some genetic rare diseases. I attended also outpatients clinic and I participated in pathology and radiology meetings. I discussed with my colleagues about liver metabolic diseases ,diagnostic tools in Israel, liver transplantation and follow up for transplanted children.

I would like to thank all the staff of Institute of Gastroenterology , Hepatology and Nutrition directed by Professor Shamir because they were so polite to share with me their knowledge in every moment. My visit in this institute will be very helpful for my future work and I will try to implement some of endoscopic procedures in my service

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Thank you very much again.

Respectfully,
Virtut Velmishi