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ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

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Ethicon Grant/Fellowship Report Form

Grant Holder Name	Johannes C Oosthuizen
Brief biography, including qualification and year of graduation (no more than 100 words)	I graduated from the University of Stellenbosch in 2005 and following my internship elected to move to Ireland in 2008. I completed my BST in 2010 and commenced HST in 2011. During training I completed a Masters degree in advanced surgical practice and was awarded the Fellowship of the RCSI in 2015.
Title of Project/Fellowship	Rhinology and Anterior Skull Base Fellowship
Year of Award: Commencement Date: Conclusion Date:	2016 October 2016 September 2016

Summary (no more than 250 words)

The Royal Brisbane and Women's hospital is one of the largest tertiary referral hospitals in all of Australia. The Rhinology unit is led by Prof. Anders Cervin whom is an internationally renowned Rhinologist and anterior skull base surgeon. He was the first to introduce trans nasal endoscopic pituitary surgery in Sweden prior to taking up the professorial chair at the University of Queensland.

The fellowship provided excellent exposure to all aspects of Rhinology including advanced endoscopic and open sinus surgery as well as functional Rhinoplasty. All aspects of anterior skull base surgery were also covered in depth including endoscopic resection of sinonasal malignancies and trans nasal endoscopic pituitary surgery.

There was also ample opportunity to be involved in clinical research as the unit is currently part of two international, multicentre, prospective randomised control trials. This proved extremely insightful as I was able to be involved with both of these trials from the outset.

Grant Report (in the region of but no more than 500 words)

Objectives of Project/Fellowship:

To obtain experience in the work up and management of patients with chronic sinonasal inflammatory conditions.

To obtain experience in functional Rhinoplasty surgery

To obtain experience in advanced endoscopic sinonasal and skull base surgery

To obtain experience in international, large clinical trials.

Did you achieve these objectives?

Yes

In your opinion, what is the value of your award to:

(a) Yourself

The award contributed to my travel costs to Brisbane. The experience has been hugely beneficial for me, given the amount of experience I have gained during my time in the unit.

(b) The institution in which you worked

I was the first Irish fellow in the unit and they were impressed by the training I had received during my HST. During my time in the unit I had my own clinics where I was able to follow up patients that I had operated on to determine the outcome and to continuously improve my techniques. I was also involved in registrar and medical student teaching on a regular basis.

(c) In the future for Irish patients

I hope to introduce some of the techniques and practices that I have developed during my time in Australia, which will be of value to Irish patients.