ESP Advanced training center for Breast and Gynaecological Pathology  
(Department of Women’s Pathology)

**Name of the centre:** Corporació Sanitària Parc Taulí, Sabadell – UDIAT (Unitat de Diagnòstic per Imatge d’Alta Tecnologia) - Centre Diagnòstic, S.A. - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

**Chair of the Pathology Centre:** Joan Carles Ferreres, MD, PhD

**Heads of the training programme:** F Javier Andreu, MD, PhD (Breast Pathology Unit); Irmgard Costa, MD, PhD (Gynaecology Pathology Unit), and Melcior Sentís, MD (Women’s Imaging Unit).

**Details about specific areas in which training can be offered:**

Our centre diagnoses and treats over 500 new primary breast and gynaecologic cancers per year. We use a wide variety of tools for preoperative diagnoses (FNAC, ultrasound, stereotaxic and MR core-needle biopsies, vacuum-assisted core biopsies, enblock-biopsies), and we also have access to state-of-the-art diagnostic tools (molecular staging by OSNA, immunohistochemistry, in situ hybridization, pyrosequencing and qPCR, material from a large tissue bank since 1998, etc.). Our group manages a well-established large population-based breast cancer screening programme and coordinates different research projects (our gynaecology team coordinates a multi-institutional network about molecular staging by OSNA on endometrial carcinoma, or different projects about molecular aspects of breast carcinoma – EGFR and PIK3CA mutation in triple-negative breast cancer, hypermethylation of BRCA1 promoter in sporadic triple-negative breast cancer, breast and endometrial cancers in Lynch Syndrome, etc). Applicants will have the opportunity to collaborate in some of these projects, and are encouraged to design and carry out their own new projects.

We are active members of the National Breast and Gynaecologic Cancer Work Groups, and we collaborate in the University of Barcelona’s renowned Master in Breast Pathology. We are also active in the Catalan Intensive Breast Pathology Course and have participated in the Autonomous University of Barcelona’s Cellular Biology Master (cancer module) since 2005.

Applicants will actively participate in multidisciplinary case management, with emphasis on presurgical evaluation and radiopathological correlation, with large-format slides, digital workstations, and standardized preanalytical and analytical protocols.

Our group is organizing the Breast Pathology Course of the European School of Pathology, to be held in Sabadell in April 2017, and applicants’ collaboration will be welcome.

**Positions offered for each year**

A total of two (not simultaneous) applicants per year for a minimum of 3 months (preferably extended to 6 months).
Specific periods of the year when the visit may be realized

There are no restrictions on the period of the year, but applicants should inform us of their intentions at least two months before the start of their stay so we can prepare to accommodate them.

Contact address for requesting details by the applicant (accommodation options, travel possibilities, etc.)

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The Parc Taulí is a university hospital located in Sabadell, a medium-size city, and serves a population of about 500,000 inhabitants. Conveniently located near the Autonomous University of Barcelona and twenty minutes by train, bus or metro from the center of Barcelona.
Our hospital Foundation’s Office can help with all kinds of paperwork as well as with accommodations.

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