

## **BSET Endovascular Fellowship Report**

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My overall aim for my BSET fellowship was to gain further experience in the endovascular management of complex aortic aneurysmal disease. I was warmly welcomed by both Professor Thompson and Mr Loftus (my educational supervisors) and the other registrars within the unit who made my stay very enjoyable. There was no set timetable and I was encouraged to attend every endovascular opportunity on offer. This included attendance at the weekly complex aortic MDT as well as ad hoc get togethers to discuss complex urgent cases. There were a number of operating list to attend during the week and I was also expected to plan all infrarenal EVAR's as well as start to plan the more complex FEVAR cases. In total I took part in 83 aortic cases (including standard EVAR 42, FEVAR 6, hybrid procedures 7 and thoracic cases 13). However, this fellowship was more than just the

numbers. I was became familiar with a number of differing endovascular devices as well as developing experience of using adjunct open procedure to facilitate endovascular treatment of complex aortic disease. I also learnt a great deal with regard to appropriate case selection. For me the fellowship as a whole exposed me to a high volume unit with a number of complex cases. It gave me experience of the workings of a different unit in a different region and empowered me to become more involved with the delivery of an endovascular programme. For that I thank BSET and Cook for their funding.