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During this placement I had the opportunity to observe patients undergoing treatment in the skull base unit. I attended clinics where patients where assessed and prepared for surgery. I took part in the in patient rounds and observed the system. I also learned about the management of these patients. I attended four multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings involving neurosurgeons, neurologists, neuro radiologists, radiation oncologists and medical oncologists. These meetings were really helpful.

I got an opportunity to observe skull base surgeries under Prof Scott, Prof Omar, Prof Andrew, ENT consultants at Salford Royal. The major surgeries I observed during this period were translabyrinthine approach for vestibular schwannoma, retrosigmoid approach, pterional craniotomy, orbitozygomatic craniotomy, petrosectomy, endoscopic pituitary surgery.

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