

ESMO TRU Visit
Vall d'Hebron
Barcelona, Spain
14-16 February, 2007



José Baselga and TRU fellows

From 14–16 February 2007, the ESMO Translational Research Unit (TRU) visit returned to Vall d'Hebron University Hospital where ten fellows from nine different countries met with José Baselga, MD, and co-workers at the research institute. The topic of the TRU visit was 'Early clinical development of molecular targeted therapies'.

Baselga welcomed the fellows and gave several mentoring lectures during three very interactive days. As an opening address, he summarized the 'formula' for building a translational research unit, emphasizing the following main points:

- High clinical activity
- Look for excellence
- Devotion to research
- Innovation
- Team building efforts to build professional teams: the human factor is the most important
- Work on relationships, with a professional society and with the pharmaceutical industry
- Become a member of a professional medical Society

It was an excellent chance for fellows to benchmark their position in translational research, and an opportunity for the host institute to meet gifted, young doctors with an interest for translational research.



Silvia Diaz and Gemma Galindo, local logistic experts



José Baselga instructs TRU visit fellows