Department of Infectious Diseases
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

OUR INSTITUTION
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile is among the leading universities in Chile and Latin America.

Our Infectious Diseases Department is part of the School of Medicine, and our clinical facilities include two large hospitals and several outpatient clinics in Santiago. Our Department houses 8 faculty members and 4 additional clinical physicians. We work in close collaboration with Clinical Microbiology and Virology Laboratories, Pediatric ID, and Public Health Departments.

AREAS OF RESEARCH
Dr. Jaime Labarca
Bacterial Resistance
HAIs

Dr. Elvira Balcells
Tuberculosis

Dr. Carlos Pérez
HIV (Co-infections, ART)

Dr. Inés Cerón
HAIs, Infections in Immunocompromised patients
Camila Carvajal
Research Nurse
Project Coordinator
Erin Hamilton, MPH
International Relations

Dr. Ricardo Rabagliati
Infections in Non HIV immunocompromised patients

Dr. María Elena Ceballos
HIV (Co-infections, ART)

Dr. Álvaro Rojas
Antibiotics
ICU infections

ESCMID OBSERVERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
One-week:
- Clinical activities (daily morning rounds to hospitalized patients in the ICU, general medical and surgical wards, oncologic and transplant areas).
- Staff supervision and cases will be discussed jointly.
- Outpatient ID clinic activities (cohort of HIV patients).
- Academic activities include journal club, ID core-curriculum, and grand rounds meetings.

Up to one month. In addition to the basic clinical rotation schedule outlined above and based on the visitors interests:
- A 1-week rotation in Hospital Sótero del Río, a large public hospital that serves low-income communities. Advanced cases of HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections, tuberculosis, and diabetic foot are examples of prevalent infectious diseases.
- A combined 1-week rotation in clinical microbiology and virology laboratories.
- A 1-week infection control rotation at Hospital Clínico Universidad Católica. Includes infection control seminars, antibiotic stewardship, prevention of bacterial resistance, a sterilization unit visit, and fundamentals of surveillance.

In addition to the clinical activities included in the observership, our Centre offers the opportunity to collaborate with our research team in the development of diverse and innovative ID projects.