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
- Dra. Alejandra Pizarro: Medical Director
- Dr. Ricardo Rabagliati: Infectious Diseases in Non HIV immunocompromised patients
- Dr. María Elena Ceballos: HIV (Co-infections, ART)
- Dr. Álvaro Rojas: Antibiotics, ICU infections
- Dr. Ricardo Rabagliati: Infectious Diseases in Non HIV immunocompromised patients
- Dr. Inés Cerón: HAIs, Infections in Immunocompromised patients

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.