My dear friends to Urologia Clinica Bilbao – ClinicaVirgenBianca.

I came to visit your department after the enthusiastic words a Greek colleague urologist- Nikos has told me about you. I must emphasize how much true he was! You have a Department very well organized that can handle practically all the fields of urology. From the usual standard cases (cystoscopies, TUR's and such) but also to the most advanced ones like percutaneous nephrolithotomies, flexible ureteral-nephroscopies, difficult laparoscopic cases and also robotical Da Vinci operations. But two things really impressed me the most: the first is the friendly atmosphere that was in your clinic andthe true collaboration that exist between you, that make the patient feel safe that whatever his problem is, his is in the hands of a very efficient team that can handle everything. The second is the complete absence of stress when you operated: even in most difficult cases you were so relax that you made it look like "a walk in the park". This is an absolute proof of your high operative skills! And also you are interest in innovative techniques. Ander show me a video with a really clever and practical way that Gaspar has introduced with the use of laser to solve problems created by incontinence slings, and you are keep pushing urology further by organizing workshops, in one of them I was lucky to participate.

Thanks a lot that you allowed me to be for a while part of your vivid team. Looking forward to come again in the future.

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As a small present take this photo and the history that goes with the place.



Is a photo of temple of Poseidon at cape Sounio near Athens taken at August full moon. According to the myth, Aegeas, king of ancient Athens went there every day waiting for his son Thisseas to return from the island of Crete. Some years ago Cretans (the Minoics) have won the Athenians to a war and ever since 7 young girls and 7 young boys were sent every year at Crete to be sacrificed and killed by Minotavros (Minotaur), a beast half man and half bull. Thisseas decided to put a stop to it and went to kill the beast. He sailed with the others with ships with black sails. Aegeas told them: "I will be waiting for your return. If my son is alive change the sails to whites so that I can see it from the distance". Thisseas killed the beast but they left in hurry and they forget to change the sails. So when Aegeas show the ships approaching, he thought his son is dead and drop himself from the cliffs to the sea and died. The sea (is the sea between Greece and Turkey) was named after him: Aegean pelagos (sea).

Ander I am putting a map for you (is the sea between Greece and Eastern Greece!!!)



Ander and Gasper, finally we didn’t make the photo. So, here is one of mine (from summer holidays at Mykonos Island. Please don’t publish it!



Ander, thank you for your warm welcome and for everything you had arranged for me.

Gasper I looked for you after the operation to thank you and say goodbye but you had left. So, thank you a lot, I really wish I had been one of your residences!