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The Stroke Unit in Inselpital is one of the best stroke care units, due to both the professionalism of all the team members, and the employment of the best techniques of investigation and management of acute stroke patients.

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It was an extremely important experience, affording me the opportunity to improve my knowledge and my skills helped by the best stroke experts, enabling me, after returning to our Stroke Unit at the National Institute of Neurology and Neurovascular Diseases in Bucharest, Romania to implement all the new approaches to healthcare for stroke patients and - why not- to enlarge the number of doctors in the stroke team and start together some more serious stroke research projects.

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