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How Flims changed my life.

Maybe that seems too grandiose, but it's true.

Before going to the Flims Clinical Research Workshop, I didn't know what it would imply for me. I imagined a sort of intensive course to learn how to write a clinical trial. And it was that, but so much more.

It was "intensive" because we worked very hard every day (lessons from early morning, protocol development sessions in the afternoon, meeting the experts in the evening)... and every night!!! (the only time to write our protocols!) And it was "so much more" because of the people I met there. Despite of our different oncology subspecialties (our work group was made of surgeons, radiotherapists and pediatricians), we learned so much from each other. And this mainly thanks to the experts who coached us in the protocol development sessions and individually. It was a pleasure to work with them, learn about their expertise and discuss about many other things (even existential!)

But, how did Flims change my life? Few days after Flims I had to decide between two positions: a mainly clinical position (in Spain, the country where I come from) and a research position (in France, where I currently live and where I started my career as a pediatric oncologist). Just before the Workshop, I really didn't know what to choose. After Flims, I was then sure that I wanted to improve my knowledge in research, and I chose the second one, far from my family but unbelievably stimulating. And that's why Flims changed my life.

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