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Memories and what Evandro de Oliveira taught me

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The neurosurgery giant has died. I would like to express my deepest condolence to all the family members.

I first met Evandro in 2012 at the Taipei Veterans General Hospital's microsurgery cadaver dissection and bypass hands-on course hosted by Sanford PC Sue in Taipei. I was invited by Sanford to treat a giant aneurysm at internal carotid-posterior communicating which had a direct branching of anterior choroidal artery from the dome. The live surgery was scheduled after the microsurgery course and I had two lectures about a vascular reconstruction and a microsurgical cisternal approach about transsylvian and anterior interhemispheric approach. Evandro commented several points about the advantage pterional approach to anterior communicating aneurysm based on his enormous experiences of clipping anterior communicating aneurysm with emphasizing the number of experience which is very important to achieve a successful result. That was great opportunity for me to looking back my experience of anterior interhemispheric approach to anterior communicating aneurysm, because I had just 300 to 400 cases of Acom aneurysm with anterior interhemispheric approach and the number I experienced was too small to conclude

"Hundred percent of anterior communicating aneurysm can be treated safely with anterior interhemispheric approach". I humbly remember what he meant to me.

He is not only a master of cerebrovascular surgery but also one of big master of neuroanatomy, although I have been learning skull base anatomy under Professor Fukushima since 2000. The way to obtain the knowledge and skills to understand exactly is not easy and it takes long time as Evandro mentioned any time. I am still learning skull base anatomy in my daily surgeries to solve my question inside me and in a cadaver course at least once a year.

The neurosurgeons in the next generation after Evandro must continue to learn neuroanatomy and train hard themselves to achieve the knowledge and the skills to treat the patient safely. The most important what Evandro meant is a humble attitude to improve ourselves.

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