The one week educational visit to s.t Elisabeth hospital Halle (saale) Germany.

The whole journey was from August 23-September 31, 2014 the first two days wear travel days from Addis Ababa to Frankfurt and then to our destination Halle (saale) , there we wear received by D.r Eva with a good hospitality in her own house. on Monday I went to the hospital and the obstetrics and gynecology chief’s wear welcoming I attended morning session. The chiefs told me about my schedule and the first three days were meant for gynecology and I attended operation theaters I assisted two vaginal hysterectomies and one abdominal hysterectomy and one laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy for endometrial cancer which is a new experience to see vaginal hysterectomy for such a malignancy. Hysteroscopy procedures for endometrial pathology are routine.
The last two days of the week I was in obstetric ward and outpatient department, in the labor ward I have seen fetal scalp PH monitoring kits and a resident there was very helpful in showing me what they routinely do in the labor ward. I have seen ultrasound being done by the perinatologist for screening of cardiac and skeletal anomalies routinely, which gave me a clue for me to use the ultrasound at hand in our hospital for such kind of anomalies screening.
The educational visit was very helpful in showing us about the minimally invasive surgeries and the detailed prenatal anatomic scanning. So we have a laparoscopy which we can utilize more frequently and effectively so that we can have a better skill in it. We have a good ultrasound which is enough for prenatal detailed screening. The other important thing we learned was building a coordinated system in the hospital and the timely service they give for their patients.

The main challenge we faced was the language; most of them speak in Germany for teaching in the hospital and they have limitation in spoken English and it was at times difficult to communicate with the staffs. I felt that, it would have been good if the duration of our stay was prolonged for some more days.