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Treatment patterns and real-world evidence for patients with penile cancer in specialised healthcare providers within European Reference Network on urogenital diseases and conditions (ERN eUROGEN) network

Duration	From 7 February to 29 April 2022
Short Bio	<i>The main purpose of my fellowship was to explore specialist approaches to the treatment of genitourinary cancer. The focus was on the treatment of penile cancer, which is known as an "orphan disease" in uro-oncology.</i>
Home Institution	<i>University Hospital Centre Sisters of Mercy, Vinogradska cesta 29, 10000 zagreb, Croatia</i>
Host Institution	<i>UZ Leuven, Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven, Belgium</i>
Project Description	<p><i>The first project was to explore the viewpoints of penile cancer experts on the challenges involved in the treatment of penile cancer patients, and to identify potential knowledge gaps. We wanted to expand our knowledge on different practices in the management of patients with penile cancer. We have carried out a survey of penile cancer specialists in Europe and will publish a paper about this.</i></p> <p><i>Our second project was a study entitled "Standardization of Penile Cancer Care on the Quality of Care, Outcomes, and Academic-driven Centralization in a Single eUROGEN Referral Center". Our mentor, Professor M. Albersen, my colleagues and I published the paper in the journal European Urology Focus.</i></p>
Personal Statement	<i>During my fellowship, I was able to expand my clinical knowledge of the various treatments for patients with penile cancer among highly specialized professionals with a broad range of clinical expertise. I also participated in multidisciplinary team meetings and built collaborative relationships and improved communication and collaboration between centers. We have started two research projects and already published one paper in a recognized urology journal.</i>