

E. NOI FELLOWSHIP REPORT – LONG-TERM BENEFITS

NOI Fellowship Report concerning the evaluation of the long-term benefits must be sent no later than 12 months after the end of the fellowship to grant@noisk.sk. Specifically, indicate the scope of work during the fellowship in the report and highlight the achievement of goals together with the possibility of knowledge transfer for the Oncology in Slovakia.

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NOI Fellowship Title and Objectives:

Clinical fellowship at the Department of Paediatric Oncology at Institute Gustave Roussy in Paris

NOI Fellowship Dates:

27.6.2022 – 29.7.2022

Contact Address of the Host Institution:

Gustave Roussy Department of Childhood and Adolescent Oncology, 114, rue Édouard-Vaillant, 94805, Villejuif - France

Overview of NOI Fellowship experience:

From a long-term perspective, during the 5-week fellowship, I gained important experience with the management of a wide range of diagnoses including rare diseases, multiple relapses of solid tumors, and hereditary cancer predisposition syndromes. I got an overview of recent clinical trials with innovative medicines. I also gained new experience with supportive care during the treatment of children's oncologic diseases and I could continue to use French protocols in my own practice. I learned that supportive care like nutrition or psychosocial care is an important and integral part of cancer treatment. Integration of survivors following cancer treatment is another important part of pediatric oncology. Thanks to my French colleagues I became a member of „The Global Health Network“ where I participate in the webinars and I also use their supportive care protocols. Participating in outpatient controls with experienced specialists brought me a lot of professional experience. They also taught me how to communicate with the patient and his family in a comprehensible and empathetic way. I still receive invitations to online tumor boards at the Institute Gustave Roussy concerning challenging case studies or recent clinical trials.

Possible Knowledge Transfer for the Improvements in Oncology in Slovakia:

We continue to communicate with the Institute Gustave Roussy about our patients. In Slovakia, we are trying to expand our integration to international clinical trials and protocols (high-risk neuroblastoma). We already have a psychosocial team and nutritional therapists and we are planning to have a physiotherapist as a part of our team. We can gain inspiration and experience while implementing new supportive care protocols and becoming members of international treatment protocols. We started to communicate with gynecologists, surgeons, and the Reproduction clinic in Banská Bystrica about the possibilities of fertility preservation during oncologic treatment according to French and international protocols.

Place and Date

Žilina, 24.7.2023

Signature