

I was very happy and had the honor to visit for a 1-month fellowship in Cliniques Universitaires St Luc Université Catholique de Louvain in Brussels, Belgium with Professor. Dr. Etienne Sokal. This was an excellent month full of inspirational lectures, interactive sessions and discussions with different medical experts and doctors. I am beyond thrilled now to know Prof. Isabelle Scheers, Prof. Reding, Prof. Marie-Cécile Nassogne to whom I would like to express my gratitude and thankfulness for the support and attention I received from them. With their effort I had opportunity to see multidisciplinary approach of metabolic and orphan diseases.

During my visit -organizer, greatest supporter, my mentor and children gastroenterology expert Professor. Dr. Etienne Sokal gave me enormous opportunity to meet wonderful people, from which first of all I would like to mention Prof. Isabelle Scheers. She described the problems and possibilities of pancreatic disease in children, presented to me newest approaches to pediatric pancreatology and cystic fibrosis.

With Dr. Sokal I had possibility to attend several meetings and discussions with Pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and living donor pediatric liver transplant program departments with whom I could witness outpatient as well as inpatient management of metabolic and orphan diseases and had elucidative discussion about specificity, most updated basic, clinical, rehabilitative and pharmaceutical knowledge.

I had greatest opportunity to visit inpatient ward for children. I had possibility to see best multidisciplinary treatment approach for atresia (obstruction) of the bile ducts, liver cancer, cholestasis (bile stagnation) or fulminant hepatitis. The majority of the young patients who receive a liver transplant at the Cliniques universitaires Saint-Luc were under the age of 5.

For me very informative meeting was with Mrs. Simone Jasper- head of international activities, international patients and customized solutions. We had possibility to discuss further collaboration between Georgia and Belgium for liver transplantation and better intervention and long-term management of patients with rare metabolic diseases. I am also thankful to Mrs. Ilse Van Elewijck for preparing all necessary business documents.

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Sincerely,

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