

Paediatric Endoscopy Centre, University Children's Hospital Ljubljana

The paediatric endoscopy service of the University Children's Hospital, University Medical Centre Ljubljana, is the national tertiary referral centre for paediatric gastroenterology in Slovenia and a teaching unit of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana. We provide diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy for children of all ages, from infants to adolescents. We have also 24 hours on call service for the country.

We have long-standing experience in teaching and offer individual hands-on endoscopy training for paediatric gastroenterologists from Slovenia and the countries of the former Yugoslavia. Trainees also have the opportunity to take part in short audit or research projects during their attachment. We can host one fellow at a time.

The characteristics of our unit are:

1. Number of trainers and their level of expertise (e.g. diagnostic, therapeutic, advanced etc)

- diagnostic: 8
- therapeutic: 8
- advanced: 3
- train-the-trainer course in endoscopy: 1

2. Annual procedures approx. (also in infants):

OGD: 800

Ileo-colonoscopy: 400

PEG and PEG-J: 30 (single-step or pull technique)

Polypectomies: 35

Oesophageal dilation: 25 (Savary–Gilliard bougie or balloon dilation, with topical corticosteroid or mitomycin C application)

Variceal endotherapy: 20 (sclerotherapy with polidocanol (Sclerovein), cyanoacrylate glue injection and band ligation)

Other GI bleeding: 40

WCE: 15

Enteroscopy, ERCP, EUS: 0 (performed by adult gastroenterologists at the same University Medical Centre)

3. Other endoscopic procedures that you feel could be offered to the trainee:

- argon plasma coagulation, PEG-J placement, Hemospray, endoscopic tattooing, Ovesco (OTSC) clips, etc.

4. Educational Endoscopy Aids available e.g. models; simulators; 3-D Scope-Guide:

Not in our unit (available at the adult gastroenterology service of the same University Medical Centre)

5. Hands On Courses running at your Centre:

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6. Legal and other requirements to be fulfilled for potential delegates to be able to train in your Centre and your country and approx. time to achieving these from date of application:

- EU citizens: valid medical licence
- non-EU citizens: valid medical licence plus Certificate of Good Standing

7. Potential for short audit/research projects to occur during the attachment: Y/N

Yes

8. Number of trainees that could be accommodated simultaneously or in one year:

One fellow at a time

Best regards,

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