

## E. NOI FELLOWSHIP REPORT – SHORT-TERM BENEFITS

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**Name and titles of NOI Fellow:**

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**Contact Address of the Home Institution:**

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**NOI Fellowship Title and Objectives:**

Clinical fellowship in the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

**NOI Fellowship Dates:** 05/07/23-04/08/23

**Contact Address of the Host Institution:**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Avenue, New York, NY 10065, USA

**Overview of NOI Fellowship experience:**

My observership from medical oncology, particularly – genitourinary oncology, started on the 05th of July 2023 at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. I was contacted one month before my observership had started about precise instructions such as introduction day, place, and schedule. On introduction day, I was getting in touch with the surroundings of hospital complexes as well as they showed me a contact person in case of something. I received the schedule, which was outdone by my observership supervisor Dr. Susan Slovin. The whole program was carried out at “Sidney Kimmel Center for Prostate and Urologic Cancers”. My everyday schedule was divided into two parts, thus, it means, that I spent time up to noon in one outpatient center and in the afternoon in another one. All were treating only patients with genito-urological cancers. On particular days, throughout the week I was attending the “GU grand round”. It was a seminar, where they discussed complicated cases, moreover, they tried to drive all possible information from the literature to make a discussion much more interesting and drive a conclusion. It was a pleasure to listen to world experts in genito-urinary oncology about how they discussed patient treatment approaches. Moreover, this helped me to open up thinking, that you have to balance between patients' preferences, factors, disease characteristics, and guidelines, because, sometimes the approach for a patient which should be recommended by the guideline is not a proper one for them or not preferable for their quality of life preferences.

The ambulance was carried out by two nurses, one attending physician specializing in medical oncology, fellow and they have a receptionist, who helps to filter phone calls to clinics or helps to manage patients' future appointments. The style of their work was very effective, of course, patients were in the first place. Before each visit, we discussed patients with the attending physician, moreover, the attending physician went through radiographic imaging and lab tests. Afterward, we discussed possible interventions and future perspectives of treatments. In case, I was not familiar with the studies that the physician was talking about, I immediately received an e-mail that explained the problem by study/trial by the physician. During my stay, I had an opportunity to take a place in the oncology department as well (inpatients department). The interesting thing was, that only 2 nurse practitioners and 2 medical oncologists took care of the whole department. Surprisingly, they knew almost everything about the patients. Therefore, I was kindly surprised by how they work and how

it worked there. To be honest, I could not include the whole knowledge into the report, that this observership gave me, but hopefully this could lead you to imagine how it was. I hope that one day I will have an opportunity to come back.



**Supervisor:** Dr. Susan Slovin, M.D., Ph.D.

**Possible Knowledge Transfer for the Improvements in Oncology in Slovakia:**

This observership helped to broaden my insights into genitourinary oncology. It helped me to think more precisely about cases and treatment approaches. Moreover, it expanded relationships with worldwide experts, thus discussions about complicated patients will be much easier. Hopefully, I will try to incorporate this knowledge into everyday routine work. Thank you.

**Place and Date**

In Bratislava, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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**Signature**