

Report from the Nordic Urothelial Cancer Group

Collaboration Group for Urothelial Cancer under NUF

Since the congress in 2017, the group has been increasingly active with two meetings per year – one in the Spring as a one day meeting and one more extensive meeting in the Autumn each year. This strategy has been very fruitful and relevant as the research initiatives are increasing regarding multinational studies in urothelial cancer in the Nordic countries. At present, a large prospective validation study on cystectomy and neoadjuvant chemotherapy is in the very final planning stage and will involve all important major cystectomy centers in the Nordic countries when launched later in 2019. Moreover, upcoming multinational studies on NMIBC is in the planning phase. It is expected that the group will have several studies initiated over the next years where the close collaboration combined with meticulous Nordic registrations will be the main driver. Planning of these are already in the pipeline.

Over the last 2 years, the group has been involved in organization of several Nordic courses in the field of bladder cancer. Together with the reconstruction group, a forth Nordic course in cystectomy and urinary diversion was held in Helsinki in 2017. In 2018, the group was organizer of a 2 days TURB course for residents held in Trondheim. The forth Nordic 'hands-on' course in intracorporeal urinary diversion is planned in Aarhus in December 2019 and the group is currently planning a 2½ day course on all aspects of bladder cancer in Copenhagen in 2021.

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