

Ghent University Hospital, Department of Paediatric Urology, Ghent, Belgium



The Department of Paediatric Urology at the Ghent University Hospital is integrated within the Department of Urology. The staff includes two full time and certified paediatric urologists Prof. MD.PhD. Piet Hoebeke and MD. PhD. Erik Van Laecke and one fellow MD. Albert-Luitzen Groen. . Both, the urology and the paediatric urology department have national and international profiles. The department is closely linked to the Department of Paediatric Nephrology within the Paediatric Urology Nephrology Centre. This PUNC team exists of the paediatric nephrologists, paediatric urologists,

urotherapists, psychologists and nursing staff and is mainly focussing on complex nephro-uroopathy and incontinence problems.

The department is actively participating in the DSD (Disorders of Sexual Development) team and the Gender-team, together with endocrinologists, gynaecologists, psychiatrists and psychologists.

The Department of Paediatric Oncology of the Ghent University Hospital is one of the major centres of Flanders.

The emphasis of the service is on uro-genital reconstructive surgery, minimal invasive surgery, paediatric uro-oncology surgery and surgical and non-surgical treatment of neurogenic and non-neurogenic urinary incontinence.

The paediatric urology service of the Ghent University Hospital offers urological treatment to a large part of Flanders. The population of this region is around 2.5 million, with around 20000 live births a year.

The Academic activities of the Urology Department resort under the Faculty of Medical Health Science of the Ghent University, which is actually the largest Medical Faculty of Flanders.

Internationally the staff members of the paediatric urology team are actively participating in several scientifically organizations, such as ESPU, EAU and ICCS and are reviewers for several urological journals.

Ghent, one of the Lonely Planet's top 10 cities for 2011, offers a vibrant mixture of historical, Charles V, one of the most important rulers in European history was born in Ghent, cultural, Ghent offers one of the largest city festivals in Europe, and sporting events.

Ghent is also a typical university city, offering good facilities and housing accommodation for students and researchers.

Its central position in Flanders makes it an excellent basis to visit other cities like Bruges, Antwerp and Brussels.