

## Dr. Alena Shybeka – ICS Scholarship Report

I'm a Belorussian Pediatric Urologist specialising in neurogenic lower urinary problems and DSD. I work in "2nd Pediatric City Clinical Hospital in Minsk, Belarus. It's a special republican centre of pediatric urology. I find urodynamics to be very interesting and I frequently encounter patients with urodynamic problems. I was most fortunate to receive a Pfizer International Fellowship in 2015 and the excellent experience I had is described below.

The good reputation of Professor Chapple and the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield were well known to me through the research articles and books I have read. I have found Professor Chapple's textbook "Urodynamics made easy" to be very useful on several occasions. His clinic was the natural choice for me because of his reputation and his involvement in urodynamic studies. I was delighted when Professor Chapple kindly agreed to my visit after I wrote to him.

My visit to the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Royal Hallamshire Hospital has now ended. I have returned to Belarus but the memories and experiences will stay with me for a life time. I have grown both personally and professionally. My surgical techniques have improved and I have had the opportunities to participate in some very interesting operations and examinations. I have also met great people and professionals with whom I can keep working and collaborating. Prof Chapple and Mr. Inman, Ms Reid and Mr. Tophill are great and kind professionals who are interested in sharing their knowledge and helping to advance the treatment of lower urinary tract dysfunction.

I have also been impressed with the spinal cord injury centre in Sheffield. There I was able to see all the stages of the examination, diagnosis and treatment strategies of patients and witnessed various operations performed with the latest technology. It's a great place to learn neurology. I wish I could have visited longer.

I would like to thank Pfizer for generously funding this scholarship. Their generous support allowed me to realise this wonderful experience which I will treasure for the rest of my professional career.



