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Education and Academic career

Steven Joniau graduated in Urology in 2002 at the Catholic University of Leuven. In 2003, he was appointed full-time staff member at the Dept. of Urology, University Hospitals Leuven after a 1-year fellowship at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK. In July 2012, he obtained his PhD in Medical Sciences entitled 'High-risk localized prostate cancer: the role of surgery and the development of clinical outcome prediction models'. In 2013, he was appointed Assistant Professor at the KU Leuven and in 2018, he was promoted to Associate Professor.

Expertise

His principal field of interest is the management of prostate and bladder cancer. He is heavily involved in minimally invasive and open uro-oncological surgery and the multidisciplinary approach of pelvic cancers. He also leads numerous research projects at the University Hospitals Leuven, which focus on lymph node staging of prostate and bladder cancer, drug development and biomarker research of high-risk prostate cancer, biomarker development in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer, staging and management of oligo-metastatic prostate and bladder cancer, etc. He is promotor of several PhD researchers at the KU Leuven.

Participation in boards and committees

Steven Joniau is founder and honorary chairman of Scientific Summits, a non-profit organization which organizes national educational events in the field of oncologic urology. He is founder and vice-chairman of the European Multicenter Prostate Cancer Clinical and Translational research group (EMPaCT). He is board member of the EAU Section of Oncologic Urology (ESOU) and the Belgische Vereniging voor Urologie (BVU). He is scientific board member of the EAU prostate cancer update meetings.

Steven Joniau has served as scientific secretary of the BVU (2013-2016), as chairman of the Renal Cell Carcinoma Group of the Young Academic Urologists (YAU) Working Party of the European Association of Urology (EAU) (2011-2013), as member of the EAU Guideline Panel on Prostate Cancer (2006-2017) and the International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) Prostate Cancer Guideline Panel (2012-2015).

He is a member of several international scientific societies: EAU, AUA (American Urological Association), ASCO (American Society of Clinical Oncology) and the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Genito-Urinary Cancers Group (EORTC GUCCG).

He is Associate Editor of 'Frontiers in Surgery – Genitourinary Surgery'. He is Editorial Board member of 'European Urology Oncology', 'Current Opinion in Urology', 'European Journal of Surgical oncology', 'Translational Andrology and Urology', 'The Central European Journal of Urology', 'Minerva Urologica e Nefrologica', 'Archivio Italiano di Urologia e Andrologia' and 'Archivos Españoles de Urología'.

International recognition

Steven Joniau has received several international awards, of which the First prize of the Urological Challenge Session (European Urology Forum 2010, Davos, Switzerland), the Crystal Matula Award (EAU annual congress 2011, Vienna, Austria) and the biannual Orion International Oncology Award (EAU annual congress 2011, Vienna, Austria) are the most prestigious.

In the last 17 years, he has authored and co-authored >360 papers in peer-reviewed journals in the field of uro-oncology and minimally invasive surgery. In 2014, he received the Prize for the 'Best Paper published on Clinical Research in the Urological Literature' at the EAU annual congress in Stockholm. He authored several book chapters, he has been invited Faculty in over 150 international congresses and is a Faculty member of the ESU (European School of Urology).