Aims and objectives of this session
The rise in clinical awareness about upper tract urothelial carcinomas (UTUCs) is in part due to the significant technological improvement in endoscopes used to examine the upper urinary tract. The development of small calibre, fibre-optic flexible digital ureteroscopes has expanded the management options for UTUC. Advances in distal-tip deflection and scope durability, combined with improved laser technology, have enhanced the role of flexible ureteroscopy from a diagnostic to a therapeutic procedure. No longer can radical nephroureterectomy (RNU) be considered the ‘gold standard’ treatment for all UTUCs. The challenge is to identify pre-operatively which patients and tumours would be more appropriately managed in a conservative manner via endoscopic techniques and laser ablation or segmental ureterectomy in certain cases. Based on the available evidence UTUC patients with contralateral normal kidney can be classified at time of diagnosis as having “low-risk UTUC” or “high-risk UTUC”. Patients with low-risk disease should be offered (as default) endoscopic management with laser ablation and topical MMC or BCG as an option. The aim of this session is to review available data to better select UTUC suitable for kidney-sparing treatment.

Poster viewing of 20 minutes. Presentations will take place on stage. Standard presentations are 2 minutes in length, followed by 2 minutes for discussion. Extended presentations (+) are 3 minutes in length, followed by 3 minutes for discussion.
Is ureteroscopy essential prior to nephroureterectomy for upper tract transitional cell carcinoma?
By: Veeratterapillay R., Thompson E., Shakoor R., Gandiya T., Rogers A., Thomas D.
Institutes: Freeman Hospital, Dept. of Urology, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

Diagnostic ureteroscopy for upper tract urothelial carcinoma is independently associated with intravesical recurrence after radical nephroureterectomy
By: Li X-S., Zhou L., Su X., Liu P., Fang D.
Institutes: Peking University First Hospital, Dept. of Urology, Beijing, China

Fluorescence in situ hybridization for upper urinary tract urothelial carcinoma - an important diagnostic tool in clinical practice
Institutes: Saarland University Medical Center, Dept. of Urology, Homburg, Germany

Thulium laser treatment of upper urinary tract transitional cell carcinoma
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CT urography understages, and URS with biopsy undergrades upper tract urothelial carcinoma in the preoperative evaluation before nephroureterectomy
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Positive predictive value of CT urography for upper tract urothelial carcinoma diagnosis using diagnostic ureteroscopy as the reference standard
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Results of second line topical therapy for upper tract urothelial carcinoma (UTUC)
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A systematic review of the impact of pre-operative diagnostic ureteroscopy on bladder recurrence after nephroureterectomy for upper tract transitional cell carcinoma
By: Birks T., Jenkins J., Davenport K.
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Statin use and prognosis of the upper tract urothelial carcinoma in a Finnish population-based cohort
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