ESMO Translational Research Unit Visit
Breast Cancer Translational Research Laboratory (BCTL)
Institut Jules Bordet (IJB)
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An integrated multidisciplinary centre, the only one of its kind in Belgium, the **Institut Jules Bordet** is an autonomous hospital devoted entirely to patients suffering from cancerous diseases.

For more than 75 years at the heart of Brussels, close to the Porte de Hal, the Institut Jules Bordet has been offering its patients diagnostic and therapeutic strategies at the leading edge of progress to prevent, detect and actively fight cancer. The Institute pursues three missions: care, research and teaching. The Institute's international reputation attracts the world's finest experts in the field of cancer while its spirit of innovation has enabled it to participate in the development and discovery of new methods of diagnosis and treatment with the aim of bringing them to the patient as rapidly as possible.

In May 2013 the Institut Jules Bordet was awarded official OECI (Organisation of European Cancer Institutes) accreditation as a Comprehensive Cancer Centre, a quality label reserved for multidisciplinary cancer care institutions that incorporate research and teaching. A first for Belgium.

At the Institut Jules Bordet research is both clinical and translational. This activity mobilizes and engages many health professionals as well as patients.

Since its creation, the Institut Jules Bordet has been constantly seeking to understand the cellular mechanisms involved in cancer and to improve treatment of the disease. By working closely together with care professionals and doctors from all backgrounds, researchers at the Institut Jules Bordet are quick to bring the innovations of scientific research to the patient's bedside.

Of note, the Institut Jules Bordet has developed a tumour bank (or biobank) around the activities of the Pathological Anatomy Department. A genuine tumour library, it contains tumour samples from more than 1,000 patients and is one of the biggest tumour banks in Belgium. Samples of biological material (tissue, blood or fluids) taken from the Institute's patients are conserved and made available to the scientists involved in cancer research and treatment.

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