

# Slovenian UR-CARE Inflammatory Bowel Disease Registry: in 4 years from scratch to top European recruiter

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The burden of inflammatory bowel disease is increasing worldwide including in Slovenia. Slovenia has limited epidemiological data, as these are based on occasional cohort reports. Because of this, in 2019, an initiative for joining the European Registry of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (UR-CARE) (1) was started in Slovenia. In 2020, all the necessary procedures for joining UR-CARE were finished. Currently, 8/15 inflammatory bowel disease centers are using the registry.

Inclusion of patients is fast, but currently still only one half of all Slovenian patients are included. Until September 2023, Slovenia included around 3600 patients (Figure 1). First analysis of UMC Ljubljana data revealed that improved accessibility of biological drugs resulted in improved outcome of patients. Drug survival of biologicals improved after 2019 when the constraints on the choice of first line biological were removed. Real-time analyses of these data (any many

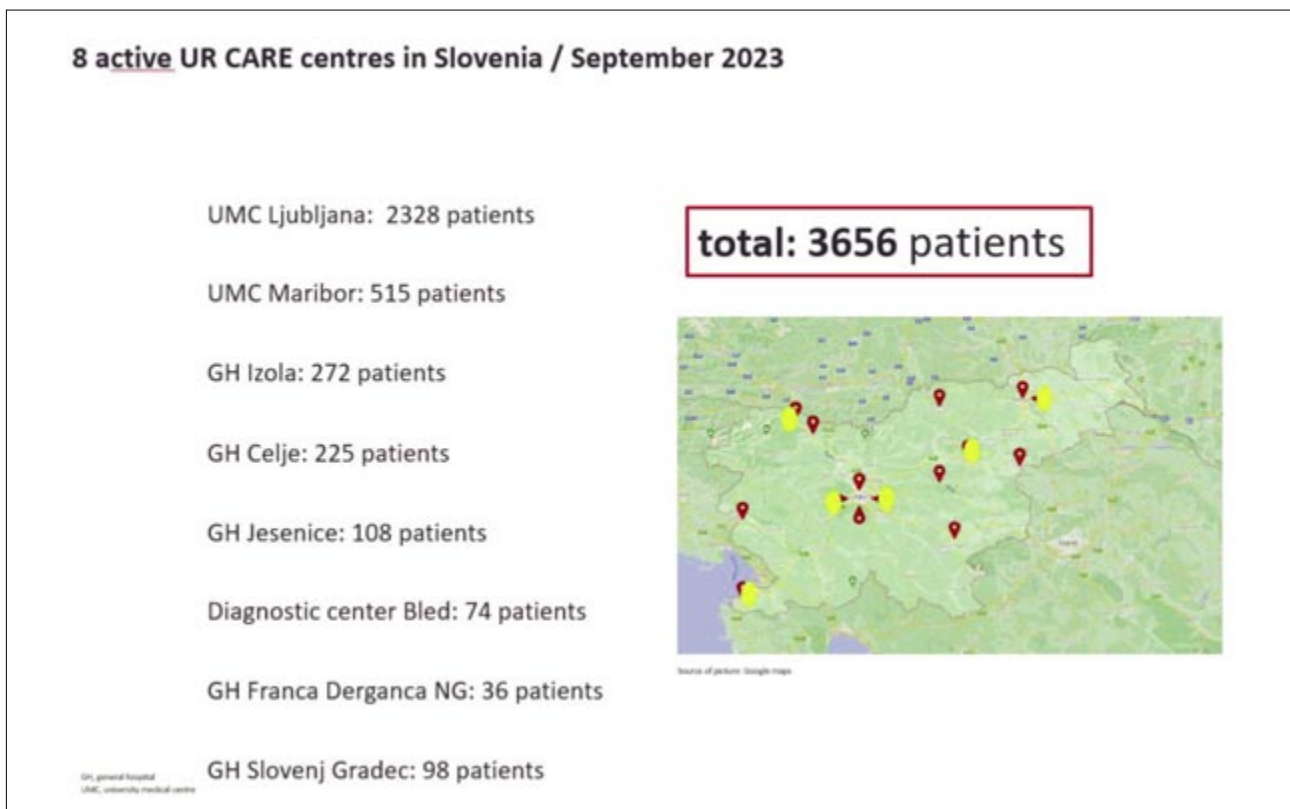


Figure 1. Inclusion of patients into the UR-CARE Registry in Slovenia

others) are possible by means of UR CARE registry. Thus, UR CARE registry is an important tool for monitoring medical care of patients with inflammatory bowel disease at the national level. Some reports on data obtained from the registry are available in recent reports published in Slovenian Journal of Digestive Diseases / Gastroenterolog. (2–4)

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