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Polish Paediatric Solid Tumours Study Group (in Polish: Polska Pediatria Grupa Guzów Litych (PPGGL)) was created in 1992 in Poznań. During the first 10 years of activity, PPGGL developed, adapted or joined international therapeutic programs for majority of common paediatric malignancies. Studies on soft tissue sarcomas, neuroblastoma and renal tumours are best examples. Further development of the group continued, and in 2002, new study was launched and named Polish Paediatric Rare Tumours Study Group. The core committee were Anna Balcerska (chair)^a, Jan Godzinski (paediatric surgeon, co-chair)^b, Ewa Bien (paediatric oncology consultant)^a, Teresa Stachowicz-Stencel (paediatric oncology consultant)^a and Malgorzata Rapala (data management and statistics)^b. The interest of the group focused on those malignancies which had extremely low incidence and were not included in other already existing therapeutic protocols. Study started its activity with the call for retrospective data on rare tumours from preceding decade in order to build a core database. This database served for number of retrospective reviews on particular diseases presented and published widely. The second objective was current registration of new cases and building an expert advice platform basing on the experience gained thus far, collected literature bank and, to some extent, the contacts with experts identified for particular malignancies. The consultation platform and data bank organised by Rare Tumours Study Committee serve not only to the paediatric oncology centres cooperating within PPGGL but also to general paediatricians and other specialists if request. Useful addresses are at the bottom of this page. In 2008, Polish Paediatric Rare Tumours Study entered formalised cooperation with similar national groups from Italy, Germany, United Kingdom and France,

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which all together formed international working group called ExPERT. Two first common ExPERT analyses were wider presented during SIOP annual meeting in Boston in 2010 and considered pancreatoblastomas and Sertoli–Leydig cells tumours. Polish Rare Tumours Study Group participated in both.

Until the end of 2010, the group published 28 full-text papers and congress abstracts on different aspect of paediatric rare tumours in national and international medical journals. Those published in English are listed as references to this section (Bień et al. 2004, 2009a, b; Godziński et al. 2004; Stachowicz-Stencel et al. 2004, 2010).

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