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Taras Shatylko is a urologist in V.I. Kulakov National Medical Research Center (Moscow, Russia). He earned his medical degree and basic urological training from V.I. Razumovsky Saratov State Medical University. After finishing post-graduate training he underwent a specialization in uro-oncology and andrology. He participated in numerous courses, workshops, masterclasses and observerships organized by entities such as European School of Urology, Open Medical Institute and European School of Oncology. His candidate thesis is dedicated to personalized approach in prostate cancer detection, focusing on the use of artificial neural net-

works to predict clinically significant cancer by pre-biopsy parameters, proper choice of anesthesia and magnetic resonance imaging to improve detection rates. Currently he works on a doctoral thesis which explores the role of surgery to improve male reproductive function. Another research area of interest to him is proteomics and lipidomics in urology and andrology.

Dr. Shatylko was a co-investigator in several major clinical trials in the field of uro-oncology, specifically on treatment of castration-resistant prostate cancer and metastatic urothelial carcinoma. His teaching activity covers general urology, andrology and uro-oncology for medical students, residents, postgraduate students and doctors receiving continuous medical education. Dr. Shatylko is a frequent speaker at urological conferences in Russia and abroad. He published over 70 articles in Russian language and international peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Shatylko is also a reviewer for respected medical journals, including

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Beyond general urology and endoscopic urology, his practical interests focus on surgical andrology, urethral reconstruction, urological conditions in pregnancy and robotic urology. He specializes in surgical sperm retrieval techniques, including microdissection testicular sperm extraction (microTESE), and is considered to be an opinion leader in male infertility, hypogonadism and related conditions.

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