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Gánt - therapy beyond the hospital walls

This year, for the 27th time, the Department of Surgery of the Paediatric Clinic of the Clinical Center of the University of Pécs organized a special camp in Fecskepalota, Gánt, to help patients with complex urinary and defecation disorders. The aim of the camp is twofold: on the one hand, participants can meet other children and adults with similar problems, and on the other hand, they can spend a few days in a more informal setting with the doctors, nurses and professionals who are providing care, which allows both a detailed discussion of the therapeutic goals and an evaluation of the treatment in a real-life situation as part of the aftercare.

Most of the patients concerned are born with either an open spinal cord or with so-called bladder extrophy, i.e. an open abdomen, bladder and urethra below the navel. Both conditions are rare, for example, an average of two children are born with bladder extrophy each year in Hungary.

Many of the camp participants are partially or completely excluded from society because of their health problems.

 A child who wears a nappy because of his or her underlying condition may not be able to go to school camp or sleep over at a friend's house.