Memorandum of Understanding

On

Eradicating Disability Caused by Clubfoot

Between

King George Medical University Lucknow

And

CURE International India Trust (CIIT)

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on 12th May 2014 (Two thousand and fourteen) BETWEEN King George Medical University Lucknow, through the department of Orthopedics, (hereinafter referred to as “the Institute” which expression shall, unless excluded by or repugnant to the context, be deemed to include his successors in office and assigns) of the one part AND CURE International India Trust (Reg. No. 1484) through its Managing Director Dr Santhosh George G s/o Prof George (hereinafter referred to as “CIIT”) which expression shall, unless excluded by or repugnant to the context, be deemed to include his successors, executors, administrators, representatives and assigns) in the other part.

A strong ongoing working relationship between the King George Medical University Lucknow and CURE International India Trust (CIIT) with a common goal of eliminating disabilities resulting from club foot is an opportunity to change the world of children born with Clubfoot in India. King George Medical University Lucknow, with all its resources is committed to providing comprehensive, affordable healthcare including orthopedic services for all.

CURE International is recognized as a worldwide leader in establishing specialty pediatric teaching hospitals, building regional medical treatment programs and advocacy for disabled children in developing countries. The CURE Clubfoot Worldwide (CCW) program is recognized as one of the leading worldwide providers of Ponsetii clubfoot treatment programs in developing countries. CURE International India Trust manages CURE Clubfoot Worldwide programme for India.

Therefore King George Medical University Lucknow and CURE International India Trust have agreed to work in partnership to establish a weekly clubfoot clinic, to provide treatment using Ponseti Method. The collaborative efforts of the two parties will facilitate quality assured successful
implementation of clubfoot treatment in India in a manner that will ensure sustainability over time by
ownership and capacity building of the staff in public hospitals identified for the purpose.
The two parties agree to utilize their respective strengths and contributions to making the program
successful:

1. **Purpose of Agreement**

The purpose of this document is to clearly define the objectives and scope of the collaboration with
CURE International India Trust (CIIT) and King George Medical University Lucknow in
operationalizing the weekly Clubfoot clinic. This document will also lay down the roles and
responsibilities of each partner.

2. **Partnership Goals**

The goal of the joint efforts will be to:

1. Establish a designated weekly clubfoot clinic attached to the orthopedic department at The
   Institute with the goal of making clubfoot treatment accessible to every child born with
   clubfoot in and around the City of Lucknow.

2. Organize and sponsor medical training so that there is a core of medical professionals
   trained in the Ponseti treatment method who are able to appropriately treat children born
   with clubfoot and pass on the skills.

3. Provide medical education / awareness to other healthcare workers at various levels so that
   clubfoot is identified at an early age and children are referred to the appropriate treatment
   centers.

4. To initiate research in the area of clubfoot management with Ponseti Method.

3. King George Medical University Lucknow

   a. Clubfoot Clinic: (Once in a week)

   Service components:

   (i). Provision of the actual Treatment.

   (ii). Counseling at the time of enrolment, to ensure compliance and continuity of
treatment.

   (iii). Follow up and Defaulter tracking.

   (iv). Maintenance of records and documentation.
b. Generation of awareness about the Clubfoot and treatment available.

c. Continuous Capacity building. (Technical, managerial, counseling).

4. Role and Responsibilities of the Partners

A. King George Medical University Lucknow

1. The Institute will adopt the Project providing it with leverage and credibility to ensure whole hearted and sincere implementation.

2. The institution will ensure participation of the staff in the technical refresher training course in Ponseti Method.

3. The institution shall provide the Physical infrastructure (adequate space with water, electricity, stationary etc) for running the Clinic.

4. The institute shall provide one almirah to store Steenbeek Foot Abduction Brace and Medical Records.

5. The institution shall provide logistics required for the treatment i.e. The plaster casts, soft roll for treatment.

6. The identified institution shall provide a staff – Orthopedic Surgeon ( One Sr. and one Jr. Resident ) along with a staff nurse attached to the clinic.

B. CURE International India Trust

1. CIIT is committed to provide refresher training to healthcare professionals associated with the Institute to ensure that there is i) Uniformity of assessment, ii) Uniformity of Treatment, iii) Uniformity of Management and iv) Uniformity of Follow-up

CIIT will utilize its partnership with Global Clubfoot Initiative and the Ponseti International Association to help provide in-country medical training as well as curriculum and training materials.

2. CIIT will provide bracers for free of cost to deserving children enrolled in this clinic.

5. CIIT will provide Counselors in the clinic to help in educating the parents to ensure compliance and ensure follow up. Defaulters will be tracked telephonically and by home visits if so required at the expense of CIIT.

6. Staff provided by CIIT will also assist the Clinic in charge in generation & management of the Database and documentation.

7. CIIT will design and provide the IEC material for hospitals. CIIT will also design IEC material for generation of public awareness through the concerned section at the Institute.
8. CIIT will provide Program Coordinator to assist in clinic coordination.

5. Project Administration
The Clinic In charge (Orthopedic Surgeon) shall be responsible for the efficient day-to-day operational management of the clubfoot clinic, assisted by the hospital staff and the staff provided by the CIIT. CIIT will assist by providing the operational procedures and expertise it has developed in the establishment of other country/statewide programs.
The staff belonging to CIIT shall follow the rules/policies of CIIT and also abide by the rules and regulations of the institution/department where they are working.

6. Reporting and Medical Records
a). Medical assessment form format shall be developed with mutual consent. The Initial assessment and follow-up records for each patient shall be maintained at the clinic.
b). Consent of both the parties shall be mandatory for use of the scientific data/information generated at the clinic in presentations and publications.
c). All medical records shall be the property of the Institution.
d). The clinic coordinator through the Orthopedic department shall send the Quarterly report to the Director of the Institute and CIIT.
e). Every six months the core committee comprising of the Orthopedic Surgeon, Medical Director of CIIT and State Coordinator along with the Director, CIIT shall review the performance of the Program and forward its report.

7. Documentation and dissemination of lessons learned
CIIT along with the institute will jointly document this unique Project. The lessons from this project would be shared and presented to the larger health forums and concerned stakeholders.

8. Period of Performance
The Agreement shall initially be for a period of five years. This Agreement shall commence on 1st July 2014 and shall continue till 1st July 2019. This agreement may be renewed by mutual agreement.

9. Termination
King George Medical University Lucknow and CURE International India Trust recognize that this agreement is binding, and can be terminated only in the following cases: If either party wishes to nullify the agreement, and provides thirty (30) days written notice.

10. Signatures

This agreement is undertaken in a spirit of trust, cooperation and collaboration between all the three parties, for the achievement of the larger goal of eliminating the deformity and disability resulting from club foot.

For CURE International India Trust

Signature: __________________________ Date: 1st July 2014

Name: Dr Santhosh George G
Managing Director, CURE International India Trust

FOR King George Medical University Lucknow

Signature: __________________________ Date: 1st July 2014

Name: __________________________
Title: VICE CHANCELLOR

King George's Medical University, Uttar Pradesh
Lucknow