MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR COOPERATION IN HEALTH FIELDS BETWEEN
KING GEORGE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, LUCKNOW, U. P., INDIA
AND
McMASTER UNIVERSITY, HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS BETWEEN:

McMaster University, Faculty of Health Sciences Canada, represented by
Dr. John Kelton/ Dr. Alan Neville/ Dr. Karen Trollope-Kumar/ Dr. Andrea Baumann, and
King George Medical University, India, represented by
Dr Ravi Kant/Dr Shally Awasthi

Both institutions state that they:

**Recognize** the value of academic interchange and lively engagement in an international scholarly
community by members of academic and research institutions.

**Discern** the significance and importance of collaboration in the pursuit of international cooperation and
awareness by each institute's interest in and need for establishing and sustaining such cooperative ties.

**Confirm** the significance of the furthering of knowledge and the creative role of the international
scholarly communication and collaboration in the development and dissemination of learning and
research.

**Hence**, in the spirit of promoting exchanges between them in all pertinent areas of health education,
research, and service, **we agree as follows:-**

**General Objectives**

To exchange information, articles, reports and teaching materials in order to support the educational
programs of each institution in the field of the Professional Competencies (particularly the areas of
Communication Skills, Ethics, Professionalism, Self-Care and Self-Awareness)

To strengthen and encourage communication and collaboration in education and research between
members of the two institutions, particularly with respect to the Professional Competencies program.

To stimulate contacts between investigators in health sciences from the two institutions.
To develop academic projects such as collaborative research, teaching, technical cooperation, evaluation and publications. The human and technical resources which will contribute in designing and operating the programs shall be specified from each institution. Also, the mechanism and action to evaluate, supervise and utilize the products of the aforementioned programs, shall be jointly established.

Scholar Exchange and Education Collaboration

To develop learning opportunities through courses, seminars workshops, and other means from both institutions to pursue activities related to scholars’ academic program, particularly with respect to the development of a Professional Competencies curriculum adapted for use at KGMU.

To facilitate visits by medical students from McMaster university to KGMU, who will assist with the roll-out of the Professional Competencies curriculum, as well as participating in clinical electives. In addition, to facilitate visits by students from other related disciplines (such as Global Health or Nursing), as required for the implementation and evaluation of the Professional Competencies program.

To facilitate the exchange of health sciences faculty members and visiting scholars dedicated to participating in teaching and research.

In all cases, the exchange of faculty members and visiting scholars will occur within the regulations of each institution and will take place on an individual basis.

Legal Conditions

All student and faculty exchanges will be approved at the departmental and faculty level through the appropriate mechanisms as per defined procedures.

For the purpose of coordinating visits, correspondence and projects, exchange visitors will communicate with a counterpart in the institutions where cooperative research or teaching occurs.

All risk procedures within the policy structure as defined by McMaster University will be carried out and reported on before any exchanges take place.

Before any particular cooperative project or program is initiated, all financial details shall be negotiated and agreed upon by the two institutions, with each partner acting within the scope of the resources specifically allocated to effect by administrative authorities:

Cooperative projects requiring financial support shall not be initiated in the expectation of support by either institution before such funding has been explicitly agreed to and committed by written consent and a further agreement would be required.
This executive agreement shall come into effect for a period of five (5) years upon the signature of both parties and shall be renewed with their mutual consent and signature. It may be extended by written agreement of both partners. Either party may terminate the Executive Agreement with six months advance written notice to the other party.

Such termination shall not affect the validity of any agreements already made under term of Executive Agreement.

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13 March 2015  
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