

PROTOCOL ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CELIAC DISEASE
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

The Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”), in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration in the fields of health and medical sciences, signed by the Parties in Rome on 1 June 2011,

GUIDED by the willingness to develop a fruitful cooperation in the fields of health and medical sciences, will encourage this cooperation on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit, through the exchange of information, specialists and professionals on topics of common interest.

The Parties agree to develop cooperation in the field of celiac disease between health and medical centres in their Countries, also by promoting the joint participation to conferences and workshops on health topics of common interest.

The Parties shall develop and support cooperation in the following areas:

- diagnosis and follow-up of celiac disease;
- access to medical treatments and care for celiac patients;
- best practices for food safety control of gluten-free products and production facilities.

The areas listed above are intended solely for purposes of example and shall not preclude cooperation in further mutually agreed fields, only within the limits set by this Protocol, the Memorandum of Understanding of 2011 and the competences which the laws attribute to the Parties.

The Parties will promote the exchange of medical and paramedical professionals by mutual agreement, with the aim of increasing knowledge about the most up-to-date diagnostic and therapeutic techniques for celiac disease. Any subsequent clinical activity may be carried out in accordance with regulations governing the exercise of health professions in the host Country.

The Parties agree that all costs arising from the application of the present Protocol shall be borne by them without additional charges to their respective ordinary State budgets, in accordance with national regulations and laws in force in each Country, as well as with international obligations mutually assumed and those related to the Italian EU membership.

Any divergence that may arise between the Parties in the implementation and application of the Protocol shall be resolved by open and friendly negotiations, in accordance with national regulations and laws in force.

The Protocol will become effective on signature by both Parties and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years. In case of withdrawal before the expiry date, the requesting Party shall provide written notice to the other Party ninety (90) days in advance thereof.

Done at Belgrade on September 2nd 2017 in two copies, each in English, Italian and Serbian languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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