

Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic
and
The Ministry of Health of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
on
Cooperation in the Fields of Health & Medical Sciences

The Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and The Ministry of Health of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (hereinafter referred to as “Parties”).

Guided by the willingness to develop, within the areas of their own competence, fruitful cooperation between their respective countries in the fields of health and medical sciences.

Agree as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the fields of health and medical sciences, on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

The specific areas of cooperation shall be mutually determined, taking into account the interests of the Parties.

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Article 2

The Parties shall use their best endeavors to promote :

- exchange of information and documentation on health subjects in fields of common interest;
- exchange of specialists for the purpose of studies and consultations, as specified in the Action Plans of Cooperation referred to in articles 5 and 7 of this Memorandum of Understanding;
- direct contacts between health and medical institutions and organizations in their countries;
- exchange of information on new equipment, pharmaceutical products and technological developments related to health and medical sciences;
- exchange of information on food & drug quality control and food & drug inspection;
- exchange of information on health insurance;
- such other forms of cooperation in the fields of health and medical sciences, as may be mutually agreed upon.

Article 3

The Parties shall exchange information on congresses and symposia with international participation, dealing with problems of health and medical sciences, which will take place in their respective countries and, at the request of one Party, the other Party shall send the respective materials issued on the occasion of such activities.



Article 4

The respective bodies of the Parties shall exchange lists of medical literature and films on health care, as well as any other written, visual or audio-visual informative materials in the fields of health and medical sciences .

Article 5

To implement this Memorandum of Understanding , the Ministries will adopt action plans of health and medical sciences cooperation describing the activities to be carried out.

Article 6

The activities as provided for by the present Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented according to funds available in the respective budgets of the two Parties.

For the experts travelling abroad, under the provisions of articles 2 and 7 of this Memorandum of Understanding , the sending Party will cover roundtrip fares between the two countries.

The hosting Party will cover domestic transport and hotel accommodation fees, in conformity with the respective regulations in force.

Article 7

The Parties will set up a monitoring and co-ordination joint Commission directed both to consider priorities in the co-operation framework, also through the elaboration of action plans of health and medical sciences cooperation and to keep the two Ministries periodically informed on the progress of cooperation . The Commission will include at least three persons for each Party and will be headed for each Party, by a senior official of the Ministry of Health. Such group will gather as agreed upon



by the Parties, and anyway not more than once a year and may be supported in the different disciplines by experts appointed by both Parties.

Article 8

The implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and all activities undertaken pursuant to it shall be subjected to the respective legislation of each Party.

Article 9

All the information relayed by the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be considered strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties without the prior written consent of the Party from which it was originated.

Article 10

The present Memorandum of Understanding shall produce its effects on the date of its signature .

The Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, and shall automatically be extended for additional periods of five (5) years each, unless terminated by either Party giving at least six (6) months written prior notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.



Article 11

The Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties.

Any modification of the Memorandum of Understanding shall produce its effects through the procedures deemed necessary to this purpose.

Signed in Amman on September 18, 2006, in English, in two original copies, equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Health
of the Italian Republic

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