

National Neonatology Forum



(Founded in 1980)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

National Neonatology Forum Central Secretariat, Delhi -represented by President, Secretary General and Treasurer

AND

Dr Amit Gupta DCH, MD, FRCPCH, PG Cert Clinical Education Lead, Neonatal Unit, Consultant, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Lead for International Medical Graduates, Oxford Deanery (Thames Valley Health Education England) John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford for an on behalf of John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

Background: The Oxford NNF partnership, was established in 2010, has served to our mutual benefit. Trainees desiring to further their knowledge and experience overseas have been offered two year supervised fellowships at the neonatal unit at John Radcliffe, Hospital, and Oxford (referred to as 'Oxford'). During the two years, they maintain an electronic portfolio of skills and go through an appraisal process. They have been able to improve the care of the newborns in India upon their return. 65 doctors have benefitted from this scheme so far.

The NNF provides a platform for attracting talented doctors via its network, provides support to the interview process and the selected trainees. Oxford updates the NNF on the progress of the scheme, especially regarding any performance issues in individual cases. There is no fee charged to our UK partners for the above contribution to this partnership. Oxford and the NNF have agreed that the former should provide support for academic/training activities of the NNF in the form of teaching at the national conference and workshops.

We do realize the importance of this mutual relationship and wish to fortify this further by entering into an MOU for academic activities and trainee fellowship for the above objectives. It is agreed that:

1. That both institutions will promote the exchange of knowledge by identifying and inviting faculties from amongst their members for training and/or for collaborative research programs in the area of Neonatology.

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- 2. It is understood that Oxford will financially support the entire travel (Airfare + Local Travel) and stay (up to 4 days) of up to 1 senior faculty members of the NNF once every 2 years. The visit will allow the faculty members to meet the trainees selected and formally discuss any performance issues related to the overseas trainee's placement.
- 3. Neonatal trainers from Oxford will, three times in a year, help conduct workshops/teaching sessions in India. The NNF will financially support local travel and, where possible, hotel stay (4 star or higher) for the Oxford Faculty. The NNF will not pay for international air-fares for the Oxford trainers.
- 4. The NNF holds a national meeting, which would be one of the visits by the Oxford faculty. The visit will serve both as a teaching and recruitment venue in which the neonatal trainers from Oxford would participate. The NNF will financially support local travel and hotel stay (4 star or higher) for Oxford Faculty. The NNF does not routinely pay for international air- fares for overseas faculty but will be able to support to one airfare cost (economy), if possible.
- 5. That NNF will provide access to its pool of members for selection by Oxford for their International Neonatal Fellowship Programme.
- 6. That NNF will provide a platform to Oxford for the purpose of identifying/selecting qualified trainee neonatologists for its Fellowship programme at Oxford through its various training and contact programs. The NNF will advertise positions via its newsletters and online portal. Candidate will be selected as per the needs of Oxford after due diligence by selected committee. Selection committee will compose of two Oxford and two NNF representatives.
- 7. The fellowship recruitment partnership with NNF is exclusive to Oxford and the advertising and only those institutions who have made similar commitments to training and support to NNF will be allowed to avail of the support that NNF is providing for Oxford (advertising, interview support)
- 8. NNF and Oxford will work together producing Modules and relevant teaching material for Neonatal Care.
- 9. The NNF may stipulate that all those selected for the fellowship be required to obtain lifetime membership of NNF. However, subscription to the NNF membership will not be a selection criterion.
- 10. Oxford shall communicate all the terms and conditions of selection of candidates for its academic programme with NNF before starting its selection process. Any change and modification in such terms and conditions shall also be notified to designated NNF functionary before selecting any candidate on such amended T&C.
- 11. That both NNF & Oxford shall continue working in identifying areas in which these existing relationship can be extended.

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This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the final date of signing and will have the duration of five years.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party by providing 180 days written notice to the Coordinators listed below.

Designation of Coordinators

Each party designates the following officials to serve as Coordinators under this

Dated:

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Memorandum of Understanding. Individuals designated as Coordinators may be revised by either party by providing written notice to the current Coordinators.

Each institution agrees to comply with the host country's immigration guidelines in support of exchanges of international students and/or faculty.

All activities conducted under this Memorandum of Understanding will be in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the home and host institutions, and all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

The parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding the date and year specified below.