Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Between MESTRO and MEFOMP

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between Middle East Society for Therapeutic Radiation Oncology (MESTRO), and The Middle East Federation of Medical Physics (MEFOMP), (collectively referred to as "the Parties").

Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for collaboration between MESTRO and MEFOMP in order to enhance cancer care, education, research, and awareness in the field of oncology in the region. This collaboration will leverage the strengths and resources of both organizations to address mutual goals and improve the quality of oncology services.

Scope of Collaboration

The Parties agree to collaborate in the following areas:

1. Education and Training:

- Joint organization of workshops, conferences, and seminars focused on advanced oncology treatments and research.
- Exchange of faculty, oncologists, and specialists for training and educational programs.
- Development of accredited continuing medical education (CME) programs for healthcare professionals.

2. Research:

- Collaborative research projects on oncology, clinical trials, and treatment protocols.
- Sharing of data, research findings, and publications.
- o Joint applications for research grants and funding.

3. Awareness and Advocacy:

- Joint initiatives to raise public awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment options.
- Collaboration on advocacy campaigns to influence healthcare policies in oncology.

4. Best Practices and Guidelines:

- Exchange of guidelines, protocols, and standards of care for the treatment of various types of cancer.
- Cooperation in developing and updating evidence-based clinical guidelines and practices.

5. Multidisciplinary Collaboration:

- o Promotion of a multidisciplinary approach to oncology care, encouraging cooperation among oncologists, radiologists, surgeons, nurses, and allied health professionals.
- o Fostering joint participation in multidisciplinary tumor boards and case reviews.
- Promote collaborative peer-review process.

6. Joint Publications and Media:

- o Collaborative publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- o Co-authoring of articles, and reviews related to oncology topics.
- Co-production of educational materials, videos, and other media for professional and public education.

Responsibilities of the Parties

1. MESTRO agrees to:

- o Provide expertise and resources to support the collaborative initiatives.
- o Actively participate in the joint programs and activities outlined in this MoU.
- o Facilitate communication and coordination with its members and affiliates.

2. MEFOMP agrees to:

- o Share relevant expertise, research, and educational resources.
- o Ensure active participation in collaborative activities.
- Engage its members and network to support the implementation of agreed-upon initiatives.

Duration and Review

This MoU will be effective for an initial period of 3 years, commencing on the date of signing. The MoU may be extended by mutual written consent of both Parties.

A review of the collaboration will be conducted annually to assess progress, address challenges, and explore new opportunities for cooperation.

Confidentiality

Both Parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of any proprietary or sensitive information shared in the course of their collaboration, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Amendments

This MoU may be amended by mutual agreement of both Parties in writing.

Termination

Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing at least 3 months written notice to the other Party. Upon termination, the Parties will ensure an orderly completion of ongoing activities and projects.

Miscellaneous

- This MoU is not intended to create any legal or financial obligations or formal partnership between the Parties.
- Each Party is responsible for its own costs and expenses incurred in relation to activities under this MoU.

Signatories

This MoU is signed by authorized representatives of both Parties in Feb 10, 2025 in Kuwait.

MEFOMP:

Dr. Meshari AlNuaimi, President (Kuwait)

MESTRO:

Dr. Saad Alrashidi, Chairman of the Board (Saudi Arabia)