

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into by and between the Indian Association of Surgical Gastroenterology (IASG) and Seoul National University Hospital (SNUH), Seoul, South Korea.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to facilitate a short-term international clinical fellowship program at 2026 in Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) & Surgical Gastroenterology at SNUH for mid-career and young surgeons from India, enhancing their knowledge and skills in HPB Surgery, Liver Transplantation, and Upper and Lower GI tract surgeries.

2. Fellowship Overview

- 2-3 slots are available per year at the discretion of SNUH.
- Duration: 6 to 12 weeks.
- Training must be completed before 31st March of the following calendar year.
- Host Institute: Seoul National University Hospital, Seoul, South Korea.

3. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be registered medical practitioners in India and Indian citizens.
- Have at least one year of service remaining before retirement.
- Be members of IASG.
- Be practicing GI/HPB surgeons, preferably with MCh/DNB in GI/HPB surgery, or possess postgraduate qualifications with at least three years' experience in GI surgery post-graduation.
- Submit letters of recommendation from two senior IASG members.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

IASG shall:

- Select candidates
- Select mentors
- Provide a one-time grant of INR 1.5 to 3 lakhs depending on the duration of fellowship for the candidate in person.

SNUH shall:

- Assist with administrative requirements
- Ensure the candidate gains adequate clinical exposure
- Facilitate accommodation arrangements (payment not covered)
- Issue a certificate upon successful completion
- Rotate candidates through pancreatobiliary, upper GI, and lower GI units upon request
- Allow flexibility for extended time in specific subspecialties based on the fellow's interests

5. Certification

On completion of the fellowship, certificates will be jointly issued by the host department at SNUH and IASG.

6. Intellectual Property Rights

This MoU shall not be construed as any transfer or assignment of intellectual property rights between the two institutions.

7. Data Protection

Both parties agree to collect, process, use, disclose, and otherwise manage personal information only for the purposes set forth in this MoU.

Both parties agree to ensure that personal information is not used for any purpose other than that for which it is collected.

8. Settlement of Dispute

The Parties shall endeavor to resolve amicably any dispute concerning the interpretation and implementation of this Letter of Intent. Any unresolved dispute shall be settled by means of direct negotiations between the Parties.

9. Entry into Force, Duration, Termination, and Amendment

- This MoU shall enter into force upon the signature by the representatives of the Parties;
- This MoU shall remain in force for period of five years and may be extended by mutual written consent between the Parties for certain number of years;
- This MoU might be terminated by either Party, subject to written notice of at least 6 (six) months in advance. Such notification shall not affect the status of fellows who have already been accepted for programs initiated prior to such termination;
- Violation or fail to comply with the agreement without justifiable grounds, the agreement may be terminated if the other party urges the implementation in writing and the other party fails to comply with the violation within 1 (one) month;

- This MoU may be amended at any time by an exchange of written agreement between the two institutions. Such amendments shall become part of this MoU once approved by both institutions;

10. Agreement

Both parties affirm their commitment to supporting this fellowship program in the spirit of international cooperation and professional development.

11. Miscellaneous

This MoU records the understanding between the institutions and is not intended by the institutions to be a legally binding document and will not be enforceable in any court of law. Legally binding written appendices between the institutions will be prepared and signed as and when required to cover the specific activities anticipated by this MoU.

Any questions of interpretation arising out of or in relation to this MoU shall be resolved through mutual and amicable discussion and negotiation in good faith between the two institutions.

This MoU is drawn up in duplicate in English. Each institution shall retain each one (1) copy.

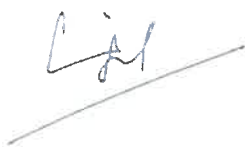
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